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any such appointment, the appointment of Guager made by this Board shall thereupon become vacated and Void."

which Resolution was agreed to.

Resolved—that the subject of obtaining a Rent from the Butchers who occupy the Stalls in the Market be referred [113] to the Committee of Finance to Report at the next Meeting of the Board.

A Resolution to consider the expediency of appointing a Superintendant of Sweeps and to alter the Ordinance on the subject of Chimney Sweepers was read and referred to Mr. Van Amringe: Mr. Remmy: Alderman Holmes.

Resolved—that the 10th Section of the Law to regulate Carts and Carmen be amended by inserting therein after the word "unloading" the words "and housing if required."

A Resolution, that the Board meet hereafter in the Mayor's Office, was read and laid on the Table.

The Comptroller Reported, as follows:

Balance in Treasury, 1st ins		$8,347.53	
Received for Rents		5,835.13	
"	" Tavern Licenses	181.30	
[114]"	" Arrears of Taxes	800.00	
"	" Tax for 1817	7,000.00	
"	" Streets	3,600.00	
"	" Docks and Slips	700.00	
"	" Canal Street	2,000.00	
"	" Wells and Pumps	100.00	28,563.96

23 Accounts Audited.

T. Poppleton, Map of East River, from Rutgers to Scammel Street	5.00
Martling & Cozzens, Dinner for Corporation, 25th November	740.50
Thos. Brown, Band Music, 25. Nov	25.00
Thompson Price, Balce Contct for Stone & Work to Park Fence	986.70
B. OBlenis, Clerk Police Office, Balance due 20th July 1817	68.78
Thos. Ridgway, balce Well, Manhattan I	231.51
John Parsons, balce Well, Cherry St	48.19
H. Allen, 3d instlnt, Pier, Gouverneur Slip	400.00
T. & G. Lovett, repairs Piers Nos. 5 & 6, & at Coenties Slip &c	1883.47
Thos. Corbley, repvng Intersections Sts	26.66
Thos. Scott, paving Orange Street, from Pump St. to Hester St	100.00
Jno. Culbert, paving Oliver Street	200.00
Chs. Mooney, paving Broadway	200.00

[115] Jas. Meghan, paving Broadway from Prince St. to Canal St.	200.00	
Abraham Stagg, paving Orange St. from Chatham St. to Bayard St.	300.00	
Thos. Scott, Materials & Work, repaving Whitehall Street.	377.31	
Chas. Mooney, repaving Broad Way from Pearl St. to Leonard St.	600.00	
Corlis & May, flagging Broad Way	800.00	
Pet. De Baun, Regulting Greenwich St	1000.00	
Abeel & Dunscomb, Iron Mongery for Superting Repairs, 3 Jan. to 1. Nov	510.27	
Jac. P. Roome, Supng Repairs, Engine House, Greenwich..	1000.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supng Reprs for Lamp Department	135.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supng Repairs of Docks and Slips	1000.00	10,838.39
	Balance	$17,725.57

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock.

[116] In Common Council: December 15th 1817.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Stevens:
Jos. Warren Brackett:	Leonard Kip:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Wm F. Van Amringe:
Eldad Holmes:	John Remmy:
Thos. R. Smith:	Samuel Akerly:
Geo. Buckmaster:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Arthur Burtis:	Stephen Allen:
Reuben Munson:	Effinghm Schieffelin.
George B. Thorp:	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Comptroller presented a Statement of the Account of Alderman Smith Chairman of the Committee of Arrangement for the Reception of the President of the United States on his visit to this City, stating that he had audited the same and found the sum advanced was Twelve Hundred Dollars, and the Sum expended [117] Twelve Hundred & Eighty Three Dollars Ninety four cents, leaving a Balance due to the Chairman of Eighty Three Dollars Ninety four cents, for which a Warrant was presented this evening—which Report was approved.

The Comptroller presented a Report, stating that the state of the Treasury would admit of discharging a part of the Debt due by the Corporation, and he proposed discharging a Bond to the Mechanic's*'s*

Bank of Eleven Thousand Dollars, for which purpose a Warrant was presented this evening—which was approved and the Warrant directed to issue.

A Memorial of Thomas Addis Emmett President and the other Officers of the Irish Emigrant Society, praying the countenance of the Corporation to a Memorial about to be presented by them to Congress for the Grant of a Tract of Land for the settlement of Irish Emigrants was read and referred to Mr. Recorder: Mr. Allen: Alderman Coles.

[118] A Petition of John Thurston, for Remission of Fine incurred by Selling Poultry in the vicinity of Fly Market, was read and referred to the Counsel for his opinion as to the legality of the Ordinance on that subject.

Petitions—from William Patterson, for remission of fine incurred under Street Law: from Daniel Mott and Francis O. Neale, for remission of fine under Market Law: and from Stephen P. Laune, for remission of fine incurred by Sifting Lime in the Streets—were read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petitions.

A Petition of Edward Doughty, City Surveyor, for payment for Surveying and Maps for 10th Ward—was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

A Petition of Joanna Bayard, for Remission of Fine for Selling in the Market with Measures made of Tin—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John W. Weyman, for [119] payment of sundry Repairs made in the Room occupied by him as Clerk of the Sessions and of other expences incurred in the arrangement of said office—was read & referred to Committee of Repairs.

The Commissioners of Estimate & Expence on the Improvement of Henry, Cross and Anthony Streets requested that they might, agreeably to the Statute in that case made and provided, be furnished with a Profile of the said Streets—whereupon the same was referred to the Street Commissioner to furnish the requisite profiles.

A Representation of the Grand Jury, addressed to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace and by their request to be laid before the Common Council, on several subjects respecting the Police of the City, was presented by his Honor the Mayor and, having been read, was referred to Aldermen Smith: Brackett: Coles: Buckmaster: Mr. Schieffelin: and The Counsel.
with authority to the Mayor to publish the same.

[120] A Petition of Edward C. Priest and others, proposing the

establishment of a Fire Company to be termed a Fire Guard, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Simonson, for a Stall in Catharine Market or Centre Market: a Petition of Hassel Wheeler, for Stall No. 57 Fly Market: one of Jacob Pessinger, for Stall No. 41 Catharine Market: and one of John Someryndyck, to Sell meat at the Corner of Duane and Augustus Street—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants against certain parts of the Improvements proposed to be made in Roosevelt Street, was read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the 1st Ward, praying that the Permits heretofore granted to Two Butchers at the foot of Broad Street may be continued: and Petitions of John Ackley and [121] of Stephen Doane that Permits heretofore granted to them may be continued—were severally read and laid on the Table—and it was ordered that the Suit against Peter Crawbuck be suspended.

A Petition of James Lyels, for Remission of Fine under the Market Law, was read and granted.

Upon the verbal Representation by the Attorney of the case of William Martine confined on Judgment recovered against him for Selling Liquor without License, it was referred to the Attorney, with authority to relieve him on payment of costs.

A Petition of Thomson Price, Contractor for the Mason work of the Fence around the Park, praying Remuneration for additional expences incurred by the Insolvency of one with whom he had made a Contract for Materials and had advanced a sum thereon—was read, and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[122] A Remonstrance, from the Licenser of Chimney Sweepers, against any alteration in the Law Regulating Chimney Sweepers—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject:—to wit Van Amringe: Holmes: and Remmy.

A Petition, that the Law respecting Hogs may be Repealed, was read and referred to the following Aldermen Brackett: Burtis: Coles: Smith: and Bucknaster.

A Communication was received from the Reverend John Stanford being an address to Parents on the subject of certain dangerous amusements of the youth of this City—which was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday Laws.

Upon the representation of the Street Commissioner, John Targee was appointed [123] Assessor in the Ordinance for Regulating Wash-

ington Street, passed 6th November 1816, in place of James H. Guion removed into the country.

The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented a Law to amend the Law to Regulate the Public Markets, which was read and passed.

The Counsel presented a Lease to William Cutting for Lot No. 17 at Brooklyn, which was directed to be duly executed—He also requested permission to strike out the words "Last part" from another lease to Mr. Cutting and to insert the word "instant"—which was directed to be done.

He also presented a Report (respecting a Deed from the Crugers) to wit

"The Counsel herewith submits a Deed from Bertram P. Cruger and Wife, Henry N. Cruger and Wife, and Nicholas Cruger and Wife for so much of the Road leading to the Hurl Gate Ferry as belonged to the Cruger Estate. This property has recently been sold in pursuance of an Order of the Supreme [124] Court and was purchased by the above-mentioned persons who now give a Warranty Deed for the same and also covenant to save the Corporation harmless from all demands from the heirs or devisor[e]s of the late Nicholas Cruger or of any persons claiming under or thro' them for or on account of or in any measure appertaining to the said premises or any part thereof.

"Four Fifths of the Ground conveyed was long since taken by the Corporation in pursuance of a law of the State, but was not paid for. Some doubts are entertained as to the regularity of the proceedings in the Supreme Court by virtue of which it was sold as aforesaid.

"But as it would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain a more perfect title, and as the Grantors are understood to be wealthy men, the Counsel is of opinion that the Board can with safety accept their deed."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

which Report was approved, and the Deed accepted.

[125] The Counsel, also, on the Petition of Richard P. Lawrence, which had been referred to him, Reported as follows:

"That he is satisfied that the Statements therein contained are true. That he has consulted the late Counsel of the Board, who conducted the suit against Mr. Lawrence, and that he is of opinion that if Mr. Lawrence pays the costs of the proceedings against him that it would be proper to remit the penalty.

"Under these circumstances, and as it appears to the Counsel that the violation of the Law was not wilful on the part of the petitioner, and as the costs are sufficiently heavy as the suit was commenced in

the Supreme Court, he is of opinion that it is proper that the penalty should be remitted on paying the Costs."

Respectfully Submitted

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

which was approved and the Penalty Remitted on payment of Costs.

[126] The Counsel, on the Communication of the Street Commissioner respecting the claim of Abijah Hammond to the Earth in certain Streets in Greenwich Village, reported as follows:

"That by the common Law the owner of the ground over which a high way is run is entitled to the earth and all the fixtures upon it, and can maintain an Action of Trespass against any person who shall remove them—But by a Statute of this State it is made lawful for the Corporation "To cause Common Sewers, drains or vaults to be made in any part of the City and to order and direct the altering and amending of any Street within this City." If therefore the roads or ways in question are to be considered as Streets, the Corporation has a right to regulate them. As to such of the roads or ways in question, as Mr. Hammond has sold the whole of his property bordering upon, and has bounded it in his deeds upon those ways and designated them as Streets, (which is said to be the case upon Hammond Street.) The Counsel is of opinion that Mr. Hammond would [127] be estopped from pleading that they were not streets—The Counsel is also of opinion that he would also be estopped from pleading that such of the said ways or Roads were not Streets, as he has sold property upon, and bounded it upon them as Streets, provided there was no other way to it—As to these therefore the Counsel is of opinion that the Corporation have a right to order the altering, amending, &c. in pursuance of the Statute.

"The Counsel thinks it proper that he should state that he has not been able to find any decision bearing directly upon this subject, but is led to this opinion from what he conceives to be the operation of general principles. The question however is one of too much importance to the Inhabitants of this City, to be voluntarily relinquished. He therefore respectfully recommends that the Street Commissioner be instructed to proceed with the regulation of such streets as Mr. Hammond has sold property upon and bounded it upon such Street, provided such property is not accessible from any other Street."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

[128] which Report was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to take measures accordingly.

The Counsel also presented a Lease to Samuel Evans for a Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street to Little Street on Long Island—which was laid for consideration.

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the Petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others, presented a Report—which was referred back to said Committee for further consideration.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Ewing praying to be appointed a City Surveyor, reported in favor of the Petitioner, and he was accordingly appointed.

The City Inspector presented sundry Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:—

J. Baker	Own. & Occ.	7.	Chapel St.	Privy.
A. Riker	do. do.	9.	do.	do.
W. Dusenberry	do. do.	11.	do.	do.
S. Elder	do. do.	13.	do.	do.
[129] J. McGowan	do. do.	15	do.	do.
W. Sickles Jno. Meyers	Own. Occ.	19.	do.	do.
W. Sickles A. Wender	Own. Occ.	21.	do.	do.
S. Parrot W. McLean	Own. Occ.	23.	do.	do.
Hy Carpenter,	Own. & Occ.	25.	do.	do.
J. Stephens M. Hart	Own. Occ.	35.	do.	do.
J. Herring E. Azents	Own. Occ.	39.	do.	do.
E. Anderson,	Own. &. Occ.	41.	do.	do.
E. Brain E. Carey	Own. Occ.	43.	do.	do.
J. Lourbieu	Own. &. Occ.	47.	do.	do.
A. Crum D. Hardman	Own. Occ.	57.	do.	do.
J. Stephens D. Wilkins	Own. Occ.	64.	Warren St.	do.
A. Hagerman C. Hile	Agent. Occ.	69.	Chapel St.	do.
A. Hagerman R. Kirby	Agt. Occ.	71.	do.	do.

A. Hagerman	Agt.	73. Chapel St.	Privy.
A. Berry	Occ.		
R. Kidney,	Own. & Occ.	79. do.	do.
[130] R. Kidney	Own.	75. do.	do.
H. Devere	Occ.		
R. Kidney	Own.	77. do.	do.
Mr. Denham	Occ.		
W. Perkins	Own.	85. do.	do.
Mrs. Cox & Mrs. Lane	Occ.		
W. Perkins	Own.	83. do.	do.
J. Van Riper	Occ.		
J. Strong	Own.	do.	do.
Cesar Nelson	Occ.		
C. Debevoise	Own.	95. do.	do.
Mrs. Van Blarcom	Occ.		
W[m] Kinch,	Own. & Occ.	Chapel c. Thomas.	do.
F. Wortendyke	Own.	do. c. Franklin.	do.
J. Martin	Occ.		
P. Schermerhorn	Own.	do. c. Walker.	do.
H. Fountaine	Occ.		
J. Morse	Own.	153. Chapel St.	do.
B. Bennet	Occ.		
J. Morse	Own.	155. do.	do.
W. Vanbeuren	Occ.		
J. Morse	Own.	Chapel c. Walker.	do.
E. Chapin	Occ.		
T. A. Thompson,	Lessee & Occ.	Chapel St	do.
Geo. Weeks	Own. & do.	Chapel c. White.	do.
Mr. Degroot	Own.	105. Chapel St.	do.
P. Bertine & J. Kiney,	Occ.		
[131] A. Day	Own.	109. do.	do.
T. Bannen	Occ.		
M[l] Norris	Own. & Occ.	111. do.	do.
Rob. Dickey	Own.	112. do.	do.
J. Board	Occ.		
Rob. Dickey	Own.	114. do.	do.
E. Van Aulen	Occ.		
Thos. Heath	Own. & Occ.	115. do.	do.
Rob. Dickey	Own.	116. do.	do.
Jas. Murray	Occ.		

J. Morse	Own.	127.	Chapel St.	Privy.
Mrs. Browne	Occ.			
Jas. Dixon	Own. & Occ.	140.	do.	do.
J. Morse	Own.	157.	do.	do.
Mrs. Isaacs	Occ.			
Gibson & Davis	Own.	Chapel c. Murray.		do.
Wm Purcells	Occ.			
Gilbert Rich	Own. & Occ.	do.	c. Thomas.	do.
Sam. Paxton	Own.	44.	Chapel St.	do.
L. Mistier	Occ.			
Mrs. H. Clinton.	Own.		Cherry St.	do.
John Bingham,	do.		do.	do.
J. & J. Watkins	Own.	16.	Chapel St.	do.
A. *Rhan* [Rand]	Occ.			
J. & J. Watkins	Own.	18.	do.	do.
C. Forbes	Occ.			
Wm Sickles	Own. & Occ.	20.	do.	do.
[132] T. & J. Swords	Agts.	22.	do.	do.
Mrs. Barker	Occ.			
T. & J. Swords	Agts.	24.	do.	do.
M. Anderson	Occ.			
G. White	Lessee.	36.	do.	do.
H. Davis	Occ.			
G. White	Lessee.	38.	do.	do.
A. Martin	Occ.			
G. White	Lessee.	40.	do.	do.
J. Robinson	Occ.			
L. Morey	Own. & Occ.	56.	do.	do.
J. R. Livingston	Own.	72.	do.	do.
J. Hatsburger	Occ.			
J. Van Horn	Own. & Occ.	76.	do.	do.
P. Ogden	do. do.	80.	do.	do.
J. Pool	Own.	82.	do.	do.
E. Haines	Occ.			
J. Montanye	Own. & Occ.	90.	do.	do.
C. Fechan	do. do.	94.	do.	do.
S. Baxter	Own.	96.	do.	do.
T. Wilson	Occ.			
S. Baxter	Own.	98.	do.	do.
C. Butler	Occ.			
J. C. Teale	Own. & Occ.	92.	Chapel St.	do.

R. M. Livingston	Own.	Vestry c. Lawrence.	Lot.
R. Dickey J. Lovet	Own. Occ.	1. Varick St.	Privy.
[133] R. Dickey Mrs. Castine	Own. Occ.	3. do.	do.
R. Dickey J. Moses	Own. Occ.	5. do.	do.
R. Dickey J. Miller	Own. Occ.	7. do.	do.
B. Robinson Esqr	Agt.	Orange St.	Lot.

(sign'd) George Cuming.
City Inspector.

which Ordinances. were passed.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of the Executors of Jonathan Dixon deceased, Reported as follows:

"That they have duly considered the subject, and, from the information they have obtained, they are decidedly of opinion, that the said Gore has always been a part of the Street—and was so considered by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening and improving Orange Street.

"They would therefore recommend that the Common Council confirm and determine that the Line of Buildings on the North Easterly Side of Orange Street [134] between Chatham and Cross Street be and remain the line of Orange Street."

(Signed) E. Holmes:
John Remmy:
Jno. M^{c}Comb

Which was agreed to.

The same Committee & Alderman of the 1st Ward, on the petition for widening a certain Alley between Water and Front Sts. reported that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the petition.

Which was agreed to

(signed) E. Holms:
J. Remmy:
J. B. Coles:
J. M^{c}Comb St. Com^{r}

The Committee on the petition of Stephen Huestis presented a Report, in favor of the Petitioner. (A Remonstrance against the appointment of another Weigh-Master at that place was presented and

read) Whereupon the Report of the Committee and the Remonstrance were directed to lie for further consideration.

The City Inspector, to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the alteration of the 4th and 5th Wood Inspection Districts, reported:

"That upon examination he finds that the East Side of New Slip, now forming a part of the Fifth District, is in a great measure deprived of the advantage of an Inspector, from the constant attendance of the Inspectors of said District [135] being required at Peck Slip, in said Fifth District: hence they seldom ascend the River above Dover Street Wharf.

"The City Inspector would therefore recommend that the Fourth District should terminate at Dover Street Wharf, including the East Side of said Wharf, instead of New Slip, as the Regulation now stands.

"This Measure, if adopted, will ensure a more regular Report of Firewood at the Office; one very desirable, and which, it is to be hoped, will be attended with future advantage to the public.

"Connected with the subject of Fire wood Reports, the City Inspector has to regret that Israel Wood, Inspector of Wood of the Fourteenth District, has never made any reports at his Office. The few reports he received, from a part of the said Fourteenth District, were handed to him by John Guest, who gave in the Reports of all the Fire wood he inspected for the said Israel Wood: and farther it is but just to state, that the said John Guest, [136] upon application made to him, reported the Firewood he inspected from the 1st of January 1816 to his removal from office the June following: all the other removed Inspectors having refused to follow his correct example."

(sign'd) George Cuming,
Cit. Inspector.

which was approved, and he was directed to give notice to the several Inspectors, Measurers &c. directed by Law to report to him, that a punctual compliance with the requisitions of the law was expected from them.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Samuel Tooker and others, reported the following Recommendation:

"That the Corporation, by their Counsel, execute to the Applicants a Lease of Lots Nos. 18, 19 and 20 in Duane Street, or any two of them, for the purpose of erecting a Church or for other purposes, for 21 years from the 1st day of May next at the yearly rent of One Hundred and twenty Dollars for each Lot—provided the old Leases

granted by this Board are [137] first cancelled. and provided also that this arrangement be completed before the 1st day of March next, and not otherwise."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Stephen Allen:
" Reuben Munson:
" Samuel Akerly.

which Recommendation was approved.

The Committee on the Petition of Peter H. Schenck, as noticed in the Statement of David S. Jones Esqr. late Counsel of the Board, reported:—

"That they conceive the Statement of the late Counsel to be correct—and that the said Peter H. Schenck is entitled to the Balance or difference of the Two sums mentioned in the said Statement, with Interest from the twenty first day of November last—and your Committee also approve of the Release, drawn by the said late Counsel, agreeable to the report of the Commissioners for opening the said Street—and recommend the following Resolutions:—

"Resolved—that the Comptroller, [138] at the next meeting of the Board, bring in a Warrant in favor of Peter H. Schenck, for the Balance & Interest above referred to.

"Resolved—that the Board execute, to the said Peter H. Schenck, the Release which was prepared by the late Counsel of the Board, and which accompanied his Statement."

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett:
" Samuel Stevens:
" Effingham Schieffelin.

which Report was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report the Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Road Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Robert Latimer, presented a Report which was referred back to the same Committee and the Counsel. They also presented the following Resolution:—

"Resolved—that in future, in all Contracts to be entered into by this Board, the person or persons who may so contract shall not be permitted to commence said work, until the necessary security be given and approved of."

which Resolution was agreed to.

[139] The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of the Lots at Varick Basin, together with a Map of the ground—which were laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee, to whom it was referred to consider the subject of receiving Rent from Butchers' Stalls, presented a Report which was laid for consideration.

Resolved—that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the present state of the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council, and report to this Board whether any and what alterations should be made therein —which was referred to—Alderman Smith: Mr. Stevens: Mr. Allen.

The following Resolution was presented:

"Resolved that his Honor the Mayor appoint another member to supply the place of Assistant Alderman Stone in the Road and Alms House Committee, Mr. Stone having left the City and not [140] expecting to return for some time to come"—which was agreed to, and Mr. Akerly appointed.

A Resolution, directing the Superintendant of Repairs to Number the Pumps anew, and to put up the usual number of Sign Boards, was presented & agreed to.

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 8th ins	$17,725.57	
Received for Tax for 1817	2,500.00	
" " Streets	2,442.59	
" " First Street	700.00	
" " Canal Street	2,000.00	25,368.16

27 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1 Dist	1,118.25
Walton & Hibberd, do. 2d do.	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, do. 3d do.	413.00
Jno. M. Devoy, Repairs Watch-caps, 1st and 2d District	22.87
Ogden Edwards, 1 Quarter's Salary, Counsel—27 November	125.00
Philip Becanon, Inspect. of Bread, 1 Quarter, 10th inst	95.90
[141] Thos. R. Smith, Chairman of committee President's Visit Balce	83.94
E. McLaughlin, ammunition for Troops, 25 November	28.21
Wm T. Slocum, for registers 11 Deeds &c	21.00
Jno. Sidell, to pay Officers attending Hall, 25 Nov	18.00
Jno. McComb, St. Commr for Attorney's, Commrs & Court expces opng Collect, Walker, Pump and Rynder Streets	420.42
Chs. Mooney, pvg Broad Way, from Pearl S. to Leonard St.	400.00
Abrahm Stagg, pvg Orange St. from Chatham S. to Bayard S.	200.00
Rich. Moran, paving Intersections Streets	9.66
Jno. McComb, St. Commr for Attorney's, Commrs & Court expences opening First Street	577.86
Jac. P. Roome, Supdt Repairs, Repairs of Docks & Slips	3,936.05
Mechanics' Bank, Bond and Interest	11,352.91

[142] J. B. Coles Esqr.	Attends Sessions	Sept. 12 days..	48.00	
J. W. Brackett Esq.	do.	Sept. 12 days..	48.00	
A. L. Underhill Esq.	do.	Oct. 12 days...	48.00	
E. Holmes Esqr.	do.	Oct. 12 days...	48.00	
T. R. Smith Esq.	do	June 12-Nov. 12	96.00	
R. McQueen Esq.	do	June 12-Nov. 12	96.00	
G. Buckmaster Esq.	do	July 12	48.00	
A. Burtis Esqr.	do	July 12-Dec. 12	96.00	
Geo. Thorp Esq.	do	Aug. 12-Dec. 12	96.00	
R. Munson Esq.	do	Aug. 12	48.00	20,177.57
			Balance	$5,190.59

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[143] In Common Council: December 22. 1817.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Jones:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Samuel Stevens:
Thos. R. Smith:	Leonard Kip:
Eldad Holmes:	W. F. Van Amringe:
Geo. Buckmaster:	John Remmy:
Arthur Burtis:	Samuel Akerly:
Geo. B. Thorp:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Reuben Munson.	Effingham Schieffelin:
	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Well and Pump, at the corner of Columbia and Broome Streets, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinance.

A Petition from the Inhabitants in [144] William Street that Lamps may be placed as heretofore between Wall and Pearl Streets, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Frederick C. Havemeyer, stating that he has lately become the purchaser of ten acres, part of a lot of 50 acres late the property of Hyder Somerindyck—that there is an arrear of Tax due on said Lot of 50 acres—and praying to be permitted to pay the Tax of his proportion of said lot—which was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Recommendation in favor of a remission of a penalty incurred by Matthew McAnally under the Market Law, was read and referred

to the Aldermen of the 3d Ward and Attorney with authority to remit.

A Petition of David Steenburgh Junior, for Remission of Fine for not complying with an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance was read and granted on payment of Costs.

[145] A Petition of Thomas Hazard Junior was presented, stating that he carries on the Whale Fishery from this city—that he has established a Manufactory for Spermaceti candles in this City—that in that Manufactory it is necessary to expose the Material to the operation of severe cold—That he therefore requests permission to erect an Iron Railing 6 feet high, on the East Side of his Premises at Peck Slip, projecting into the Street about 5 feet—which was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Higgins, for Remission of Penalty under the Tavern Law, was read and granted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of Michael Nangle, for Remission of Fine incurred under the Law respecting Hawkers & Pedlars was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Elizabeth Drake, for the Payment of a Sum due to her for Nursing a child placed with her by the Committee of the Alms House, was read [146] and referred to the Committee of the Alms House.

A Recommendation of John A. Baisley for the obtaining of a Butcher's Stall in the Centre Market was referred to the Market Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Building a Cistern in front of St. Stephen's Church—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to order, presented Profiles of Anthony Street between Orange and Collect Streets and of Cross Street between Pearl and Little Water Streets, in order to lay them before the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment—whereupon the said Profiles were confirmed.

The Committee on the Petition of Silvanus Miller, presented a Report—which was read and laid on the Table.

[147] The Committee of Applications and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Edward Bridges for the appointment of a City Surveyor, reported in his favor—which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the Correction of sundry Nuisances: to wit—

Alexander Banks,	Lessee	7	Cherry St.	Privy.
Thos. T. Woodruff,	Own. & Occ.	10	North Moore St.	do.
Jas. Butler E. Hampton	Lessee. Occ.	28	Park	do.
Jas. Butler E. Hampton	Lessee. Occ.		do.	Lot.
Jno. W. Wyman	Lessee.	147	Water St.	Privy.
J. Titus A. & S. Willets	Own. Occ.	60	Cliff St.	do.
J. Farrend C. Starr	Own. Occ.	9	Varick St.	do.
A. Vandenburg,	Own. & Occ.	14	North Moore S.	do.
S. Delamater T. Bazen	Own. Occ.	15	do.	do.
S. Delamater J. Lefort	Own. Occ.	17	do.	do.
G. Verplanck G. Morgan	Own. Occ.	32	do.	do.
[148] A. Bennett M. Jarvis	Own. Occ.	36	do.	do.
J. Tallman.	Own. & Occ.	42	do.	do.
M. Campbell.	do. do.	55	do.	do.
Pr Devoe.	do. do.	57	do.	do.
J. Bertine S. Van Antwerp	Own. Occ.	59.	do.	do.
J. Bertine Jno. Scudder	Own. Occ.	61.	do.	do.
J. Lane.	Lessee & Occ.	64	do.	do.
Wm Busse	Own. & Occ.	65	do.	do.
C. Mabie	do. do.	67	do.	do.
E. Anderson N. Woodruff	Own. Occ.	68	do.	do.
E. Anderson P. Van Blarcom	Own. Occ.	66	do.	do.
G. Van Dolston.	Own. & Occ.	70.	do.	do.
S. Crane	do. do.	72	do.	do.

(sign'd) George Cuming.
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips, the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the Petition of Fred. De Peyster, reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration, and find (as the Petitioner [149] represents) that in compliance with his request a Water Grant was tendered him by the Corporation in the year 1814 on certain conditions, and which your Committee are informed the Petitioner declined accepting on the terms therein mentioned.

"Your Committee are of opinion, that the Corporation are not bound now to grant the request of the Petitioner after a lapse of near three years—and particularly after refusing at the time to comply with the terms then specified.

"Your Committee have also taken into view the lively interest that our Citizens take in preserving the Battery Grounds free from any obstructions that would impair the beautiful prospects up and down the Hudson River which they have long enjoyed uninterrupted, and your Committee believe that should this grant be given to the Petitioner and buildings erected thereon, it would have the tendency so much deprecated by the public:—

"and therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be not granted [150] for the reasons aforesaid, and that the Water petitioned for be reserved by the Corporation for such purposes as may hereafter be required to beautify and ornament that part of our City."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill:
" Eldad Holmes:
" G. Buckmaster:
" Jno. M^cComb,
Street Comm^r
" G. N. Bleecker, Compt^r

which Report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Counsel, on the Communication of Thomas Addis Emmett, as agent for Mr Mullanphy, respecting the Pier at the foot of Courtlandt Street leased by the Executors of Jacob Wilkins deceased, reported:—

"That all the interest of Jacob Wilkins in this pier was mortgaged by him to the Eagle Fire Company, which mortgage has been foreclosed, and the property purchased in at a Sale under a decree of the Court of Chancery by a Mr. Mullanphy who of course is now entitled to all the interest which Jacob Wilkins had in the premises at the time he executed the Mortgage. Mr. Mullanphy now offers the premises to the Corporation upon the same terms which they [151]

hold them from the Executors, of the will of Jacob Wilkins, excepting that he requires a relinquishment of all right to call upon him for any portion of the rent in arrears. The undersigned are of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Corporation to accept of his proposition, excepting so far as relates to the relinquishment of rent, & that a sum equal to the proportion now due from him for rent should be paid to him: as a relinquishment of the right to demand rent from the owner of a part of the premises might operate as a relinquishment of the whole rent in arrear."

(sign'd) O. Edwards.
G. N. Bleecker
Jno. McComb

referred to the Committee of Finance, Counsel, Comptroller, & Street Commissioner, with authority to adopt.

The Committee of Defence, on the subject of the claim of the Corporation against the United States, reported:—

"That, in pursuance of the Resolution passed on the 8th instant empowering them to take such measures as may be deemed most expedient to obtain from the Government of the United States a balance due for expenditures during the late war, they have appointed Alderman Smith and Ogden Edwards Esqr. to proceed to Washington for this purpose.

"This balance, amounting to upwards of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars, arises from damages done to the lands of [152] individuals in the erection of works of defence in the year 1814, and has been paid by this Board in consequence of awards regularly made. The property was taken possession of by order and under the direction of General Swift, the Chief Engineer of the United States, and then on this Station.

"The justice of our claims, the present harmonious disposition of the National Legislature, and the flourishing state of the Treasury afford every reason to believe that a speedy settlement of this account may be expected.

"The Committee recommend that his Honor the Mayor be requested to furnish the above gentlemen with the necessary document of their being the Agents of this Corporation."

(sign'd) W. F. Van Amringe:
" John B. Coles:
" G. Buckmaster.

which Report was approved.

The Counsel presented a Law to regulate the Lying of Vessels in the North and East Rivers—which was read and [153] referred back to the Counsel for further consideration.

The Counsel also presented a Communication on the subject of a Surrender of a Water Grant by James Striker and his Wife—which was referred to the Committee on Wharves and Comptroller.

The Counsel also presented a Grant to Joshua Jones for a Water Lot between Dover and Roosevelt Streets on the East River—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Lease to Samuel Evans for a Ferry from the foot of Walnut Street to Little Street on Long Island presented by the Counsel at the last Meeting and laid on the Table—was called up, approved and ordered to be duly executed.

The Counsel also presented a Quit Claim Deed from the Corporation to the State of New York for the ground on the West Side of the State Prison—which was approved and directed to be duly executed.

[154] The Committee, on the subject of Chimney Sweepers, presented a Report and an Ordinance in conformity therewith—which were read and laid for consideration—and 50 Copies directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Committee on Public Lands & places, on the Petition of William Coulthard and others respecting their lands lying within the Bounds of the Military Parade, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

Mr. Schieffelin presented a Resolution on the same subject—which was also read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Coles presented the following Resolution:—to wit—

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause to be made a Map of the ground called the Military Parade, together with the blocks of ground bordering thereon—and that the Proprietors of all ground embraced in said Map be so designated as to present the quantity belonging to each—and when com- [155] pleted to lay the same before the Board."

which was approved.

The Ferry Committee, reported, as follows, respecting a Team Boat on Brooklyn Ferry; to wit,

"That the Charter of the City of New York authorizes the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to establish Ferries to and from the city of New York, and to regulate the same

"And whereas all the Ferries to and from the said City have been established and regulated by the said Corporation, except the Two Ferries to Brooklyn, respecting which the Legislature have passed certain laws regulating the same—and the said Laws so passed by the Legislature have never been fully enforced, in consequence of their being inapplicable to the state and situation of the said Ferries—and that since the establishment of a Steam Boat on the old Ferry, and a Team Boat on the New Ferry, the said Acts of the Legislature have become still further inapplicable to the said Ferries and to the [156] convenience of the Passengers

"The Corporation of the City of New York, to whom the regulating of the said Ferries of right belongs, have a more immediate interest in the good regulation of the same, and can always adapt the regulations of said ferries to the existing state of things.

"The Lessees of the Old Ferry have offered to your Committee to put a Team Boat on the said Old Ferry, large enough to take horses, carriages and freight over the said ferry, in addition to the Steam Boat now used thereon, and to run the said Team Boat of Evenings during the whole of the Regular Ferry Hours—provided the Corporation will permit them by law to receive the same price for passengers in such Team Boat as they are now allowed to receive in the Steam Boat—and that they will also keep on the said ferry such number of Barges and of such dimensions as shall be directed by the Corporation.

"And your Committee conceive that such Team Boat, to be run during the [157] whole Ferry hours, would be a much greater accommodation to the public than the additional Steam Boat for freight and passengers only, which the said Lessees are bound by their lease (at a future day) to put on the said ferry.

"Your Committee would therefore recommend

"1st That the Corporation pass a Resolution authorizing the Counsellor of the Board to agree with the Lessees of the said Ferry to have an Indorsement entered on their said Lease, authorizing the said Lessees to put such Team Boat on the said Ferry instead of the said additional Steam Boat mentioned therein—provided that such Team Boat be put in operation by the first day of June next, and to be so constructed as to give the same accommodation as the present Steam Boat

"2d That the Board apply to the Legislature to repeal the Laws regulating the said ferries to Brooklyn, investing the right in the Corporation to regulate the same, and allowing the same Fare for the

Team Boat over [158] the said Ferry as is now allowed to the Steam Boat"

(sign'd) Geo. Buckmaster:
" Eldad Holmes.

Which Report was approved, (excepting the Second Resolution recommended, which was laid for consideration.)

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution respecting the President's Portrait, as follows:

"Resolved that the Committee appointed in May last to request the President of the United States, among other things, to honor the Corporation by sitting for his Portrait, take measures to carry this intention into effect: and that Mr. John Vanderlyn, a well known American Artist, be employed for this purpose under the direction of the same Committee."

which Resolution was agreed to

The Chief Engineer presented the following Report, (accompanied by the Return therein mentioned)—to wit:

"That having completed his annual visitation throughout the Fire Department, and carefully inspected the various branches thereof, he herewith presents his general return, with the names of the Engin-[159]eers, Foremen and Firemen belonging to the respective Fire Companies (when full) with their places of abode, occupation, &c. as also the places of deposit of the several Fire Machines—& also the names, occupation & places of abode of the Fire Wardens, except those of the 4th, 6th & 8th wards, from whom he has received no returns."

"That situations are immediately wanted for Houses for Engines Nos. 7 & 12, and that there are several other Engine Houses that must necessarily be removed in the course of next year, & that the Floating Engine house is in a very decayed situation, & will require either a new house or very considerable Repairs."

(sign'd) Th. Franklin, Chief Engineer.

Resolved—that the Comptroller, under direction of the Market Committee, be authorized to lease at auction from the present time to the 1st day of May 1819 the Cellars under the Centre Market.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution respecting alien Passengers: to wit

"Resolved—that hereafter, on the arrival of any vessel at this port with alien passengers, his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to leave it at the option of the Captain or Consignee of

such vessel either to bond in the usual way for securing the City against such aliens' becoming chargeable thereon, or of paying the sum of Five Dollars in lieu [160] of said bond for each alien so arriving—Provided, however, if in the opinion of his Honor the Mayor, the said option shall in any case operate injurious to the public interest, bonds shall be insisted on with the necessary sureties.

"Resolved—that all monies so received be paid to the Chamberlain and be appropriated to the use of the foreign poor, and that the Comptroller render quarterly to the Corporation a statement thereof"

which were agreed to.

The Second and Third Resolutions of the Police Committee, on Compensation to be made to Constables, Marshalls, &c. which were laid for consideration on the 17th of November last, were called up and read as follows:

"2d Resolved—that every Watchman who shall attend Court on a subpœna, as required by the District Attorney, in consequence of his so being a Watchman, shall be allowed in all cases of felony two dollars for each case in which he shall so attend: and that such accounts shall be presented to the Comptroller [161] by the Clerk of the Sessions properly authenticated by him, in order that a Warrant may issue for payment thereof.

"3d Resolved—that Marshalls, when not attached to the Court, and Constables shall be allowed One Dollar each for their attendance on subpœna as Witnesses in cases of Felony, for every case in which they shall so attend as required by the District Attorney."

and, on being read, were agreed to.

The following Resolution, which was laid for consideration on the 1st instant, was called up and agreed to:

"Resolved—that all Salaries granted by this Corporation shall in future be paid by Warrant to be presented to the Board in the usual manner for approbation."

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 15th inst.	$5,190.59	
Received for Rents	2,118.05	
" " Mayoralty Fees	99.75	
" " Streets	7,500.00	
" " Canal Street	500.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	340.00	15,748.39

[162] 16 Accounts Audited.

J. Fine—Carriage h. Alms H. & Road Com.	$24.00
Bartholemew & Baldwin, in full, for building Centre Market	1,740.19

N. & H. Weed—1 Qr's Rent Wharf Courtlandt Street—1st August	75.00	
R. Munson Esq. 19 Casks Oil bought of M. Crosby	1,393.20	
R. Munson Esq. 4 Casks Oil bought of Fish & Grinnell	187.60	
Gerardus Kuyper—Int. on Defence Loan Bond 16 Oct. 1817	630.00	
Gid. Tucker—Balce Cistern in Forsythe near Broome Street	442.25	
B. Hatfield—Well, Cherry St	50.00	
P. H. Schenck—Balce Award for Maiden Lane, and Interest	6,849.35	
J. Pinkerton—Pavg & Matrls—City Hall	253.47	
Jas. Meghan—balce pavg Broad Way	246.90	
Jno. Culbert, paving Oliver St	100.00	
H. Smith—paving intersection of Bayard & Mulberry Streets	45.00	
Pet. Passell—drain, Perry St	45.00	
Th. R. Smith—Treasr Board Health	250.00	
Rich. Furman—Supdt Alms House	3000.00	15,331.96
	Balance	$416.43

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[163] In Common Council: December 29. 1817.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jno. B. Coles:	Samuel Jones Jr.
A. L. Underhill:	Samuel Stevens:
Eldad Holmes:	W. F. Van Amringe:
Thos. R. Smith:	John Remmy:
Geo. Buckmaster:	Samuel Akerly:
Arthur Burtis:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Geo. B. Thorp:	Effing. Schieffelin:
Reuben Munson.	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of Joseph Homer, offering to contract for furnishing Iron Railings around the Public Grounds, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Recommendation in behalf of the Society for the Promotion of Industry to the patronage of the Corporation, from [164] a number of Citizens, was read and referred to—Aldermen Buckmaster: Holmes: Messieurs Stevens: Van Amringe: Akerly

A Request of Benjamin Ferris Esqr. Clerk of the City and County, for additional accommodations in his Office, was read and referred to the Committee of Repairs.

Petitions from the following persons:—from Peter P. Roome for Stall No. 22 Greenwich Market: Caleb Conklin for Stall No. 22 Fly Market: and Thomas Place to sell meat at No. 166 Division Street—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Caleb Mudge for Remission of Penalty incurred under the Ordinance respecting the taking of earth from the streets—was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that Dover Street may be widened, was read [165] and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Jabez Thompson, stating that in April or May last he entered into a Bond to secure and save harmless the Corporation for payment of an award to Thomas Nash for opening North Street until a Power could be obtained from said Nash for payment of Same—that he now presented a power from said Nash, which had been approved by the Counsel—He therefore requested his bond might be cancelled—whereupon, it was ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller with authority to cancel the Bond.

A Petition of Messrs. Collins, McDonald and Henry, to be allowed for the Materials of a Well at the junction of Cherry and Pearl Streets, the ground of which they had purchased—was read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Memorial from Hannah Towers, stating that she is Devisee for life (being [166] now 77 years of age,) of Lots Nos. 25 and 27 Cherry Street assessed for improvements in opening the Square at the intersection of Pearl and Cherry Streets for the sum of $303—that, as the Assessment and Improvement are for the advantage of the Reversioner, she prays that said Assessment may remain on interest as a Lien on the Property—which petition was ordered to be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th Ward, the Counsel and Street Commissioner.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants, requesting the sanction of the Common Council to an Application to the Legislature by the Grocers of the City requesting that the appointment of the Inspectors of domestic Spirits in this City may be made by the Corporation—was read and referred to the Committee on the subject of applications to the legislature.

A Complaint of the Inhabitants of Chrystie Street that the House No. 75 in said street encroaches on the Street, and praying that it may be removed to the line of said Street [167] was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Waring, praying Remission of a Fine under the Market Law, and a Remonstrance of Isaac Auld, City Measurer, against granting the prayer of Petitioner, were read and referred to Aldermen Holmes: Munson: and Underhill.

A Petition of Samuel Tooker and Isaac Pierson, declining to accept of the Lease of the Lots in Augustus Street upon the terms proposed by the Report of the Committee, and praying an Extension of the present Lease for Eight years upon the Rent at present reserved—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Peter Crawbuck, Butcher, praying that, agreeably to the prayer of the Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Whitehall, he may be permitted to continue to sell Meat at his Stall at the corner of Broad and Front [168] Streets—was read, and the prayer thereof granted.

A Petition of R. Bowne, Lessee of Catharine-Slip Ferry was received, stating that in April last he had presented a Petition requesting on certain terms by him proposed an Extension of the period of his Lease—that the Committee to whom the Petition had been referred reported thereon favorably to Petitioner, but the Board had not yet acted upon it—He therefore prayed the Board to consider and determine on the same—Whereupon the said petition together with the Report of the former Committee were referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Perry Street for a Well and Pump in said Street near Herring Street—was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment [169] for altering Provost Street—whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Paving White Street from Broad Way to Elm Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a Profile of Henry Street, as directed by the Board, for the Commissioners of Estimate on improving and opening said Street—which Profile was approved and confirmed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies,)—to wit

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

Hugh Munro, Mercht—5 Varick St. 5th Ward—vice Uriah Halsey, Resigned.

Phin. P. Carman, Mercht—45 Beaver St. 1st Ward—vice Daniel Hasbrook, Resign'd.

"Fire Engine Company No. 28."

Abr. Vanderberk—Black Smith—Crosby St. 8th Ward—vice Parley Sullard, Expelled.

[170] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for the Correction of sundry Nuisances: to wit

Miller	Own.	29	Warren St.	Privy
David Crone	Occ.			
M. H. Guion	Own.	42	Division St.	do.
A. Sutton	Occ.			
T. Legget	Own.	52	Essex St.	do.
D. L. Owens	Occt.			
J. B. Murray	Own.	Church c.	Chamber	do.
F. D. Cheavou	Occ.			
A. Boyer	Own.	59	Church St.	do.
J. Rounault	Occ.			
J. Robinson	Own.	61	do.	do.
S. Sherman	Occ.			
A. Boyer	Own. & Occ.	63	do.	do.
Dr. Ben. Dewitt	Own.	72	do.	do.
A. L. Poyer	Occ.			
Dr. Ben. Dewitt	Own.	74	do.	do.
T. Reice	Occ.			
Jno. R. Murray	Own.	75	do.	do.
W. Crane	Occt.			
Dr. Ben. Dewitt	Own.	76	do.	do.
Jno. Disbrow	Own.	94	do.	do.
L. Jouy	Occ.			
J. Romaine	Own.	100	do.	do.
J. Gassen	Occ.			
[171] R. Hudson	Own. & Occ.	108	do.	do.
E. West	Lessee & Occ.	114	do.	do.
D. Berdan	Own.	149.	do.	do.
J. Phenix	Occ.			
T. S. Talbot	Own.	159.	do.	do.
J. Howard	Occ.			
S. Baxter	Own.	167	do.	do.
Mrs. Concklin	Occ.			

S. Baxter M. Farrington	Own. Occ.	169	Church St.	Privy
G. Concklin J. Potter	Own. Occ.	187	do.	do.
Mrs. Stewart W. M. Wilson	Own. Occ.	200	do	do
Mr. Pinckney Jno. Riker	Own. Occupant.	202	do.	do.
J. Syren J. Sprowls	Owner Occupant	203	do.	do.
D. Sutton G. James	Owner Occupant	204	do.	do.
Daniel Day	Own. & Occ.	206	do.	do.
M. Flanegan B. Resler	Owner Occupant	215	do.	do.
C. Johnson	Own. & Occ.	221	do	do.
J. M. Demarest	do. do.	229	do.	do.
R. N. Oliver,	Lessee & Occ.	232	do.	do.
J. Hallett	Own. & do.	233	do.	do.
[172] M. Sears	Owner & Occ.	234	do.	do.
Mrs. Archer Jno. Hazard	Owner Occupant.	235	do.	do.
Jno. Brevoort	Owner	Prince c. Mercer.		Lot.

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Counsel presented a Law to regulate the Lying of Vessels in the Stream of the North River—which was read and passed.

He also presented the following Drafts of Laws to be presented for Enactment to the Legislature at the ensuing Session: to wit

"An Act to enable the Mayor &c. to raise money by Tax"—which was laid for consideration—and—"An Act relative to the Commissioner of Excise in the City of New York"—which was referred back to the Counsel.

The Attorney presented a Communication, stating that Complaints had been made against sundry Tavern Keepers for permitting Gambling and disorderly Conduct in their Houses contrary to their Recognizances, and recommending that their Recognizances [173] be directed to be put in suit—which was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

The Counsel presented a Letter of Attorney from the Corporation to Thomas R. Smith and Ogden Edwards Esquires, constituting them the Agents & Attornies of the Corporation to adjust and settle with the proper Departments of the Government of the United States the Claims of this Corporation against the United States for Monies paid to the Owners of Lands on account of Damages which they sustained by the Erection of Fortifications thereon for the Defence of this City during the late War—Which Letter of Attorney was directed to be duly authenticated.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund presented the following Report and Account: to wit They Reported that

"during the half year ending the Second Monday (10th) of November 1817. They have purchased during that time Ten Thousand One hundred Dollars City Stock, which has been *has been* paid for out of [174] the funds appropriated by Law for that purpose. "Although purchases have been made above par, yet it was thought advisable to invest the Cash on hand, from time to time, in this species of Stock at the Market price. The main object of establishing the Sinking Fund was the lessening the public debt of the City by purchases, and the Commissioners have considered it most prudent to prefer buying the City Stock, on the best terms, in preference to any other. "The whole amount redeemed, to the 10th November last, was Seventy four Thousand Dollars, since which purchases have been made and more are shortly expected to be accomplished. The balance on hand November 10th 1817 is One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars Twelve cents agreeably to the annexed Account."

(sign'd) Jacob Radcliff:
" R. Riker:
" Thos. R. Smith
Chairmn Finee Comee
" G. N. Bleecker, Comptr

to which Report was annexed an Account, as follows—(on p. 175.)
(decision on p. 176.)

[175] "The Sinking Fund in Account Current with the Commissioners for the Half Year ending the Second Monday (10th of November 1817."

Dr.				Cr.			
1817.				1817.			
July 16.	To Cash pd for $1300 City Stock bought of A. H. Lawrence à 100½ p. Ct.	1,306.50.		May 12.	Balance on hand as per Report		$227.70
	Brokerage ¼ per ct.	3.26.			By Cash received for Market Fees		4428.99.
			1,309.76.		" " Int. on City Stock		2970.00.
" 19.	To do. for $2400 City Stock bought of A. H. Lawrence à 101¼ p. Ct.	2,430.00			" " Street Vaults		2091.75.
	Brokerage ¼ p. Ct.	6.00		May 12 to Nov. 10	" " Commutn Water Quit Rents		143.84.
			2,436.00		" " Water Lot rents previous 1804		425.00.
Nov. 10.	To do. for $6400 City Stock bought of George F. White à 102½ p. Ct.	6,560.00.			" " Pawn Brokers' Licenses		160.00
	Brokerage ¼ p. Ct.	16.40					
			6,576.40.				
	Balance in hands of the Commissioners..		125.12				
			$10,447.28				$10,447.28.
				1817 Nov. 10.	Balance in favor of Commissioners		$125.12

(sign'd) Jacob Radcliff:
" R. Riker:
" Th. R. Smith
Chairman Fin. Com.
" G. N. Bleecker Comptr

} Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

[176] whereupon—the Report was directed to be filed: and it was referred to the discretion of the Finance Committee to direct the Communication to be published.

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others, reported:

"That they have examined the subject, and are well aware of the inconvenience the Petitioners are under who deal in the above-mentioned articles—and they therefore recommend that Hemp and Sulphur may be permitted to be stored, during the pleasure of the Board, in any Fire Proof Store in which neither fire or candle light is kept—yet, your Committee believe, that the security of the petitioners, as well as that of the public, requires that such permission should not be general, or apply to all the above named articles—and therefore further recommend, that the other articles petitioned for may be permitted to be stored, under certain regulations—and that any person wishing to store any of the above articles within the limits prohibited by the Act of the [177] Legislature without first obtaining permission from this Board.

"We are of opinion that application should be made to the Fire Warden of the Ward in which the same is proposed to be stored, with the name of the Applicant, the place, articles and quantity; and if a Majority of the Wardens may think it proper, they must then report it to the Chief Engineer, and by him be presented to this Board for approbation or otherwise."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis:
" A. L. Underhill:
" Thos. Franklin.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the raising the Rates of Slippage &c. presented a Report, which was laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee and Comptroller, to whom was referred the Account of U. W. Freeman for Services in surveying and making Maps of the Eighth [178] and Ninth Wards, reported

"That they consider it as unreasonable and extravagant—the amount being upwards of *of* Sixteen hundred Dollars, and the work appears by the dates to have been done at such times and seasons as suited the convenience of Mr. Freeman—comprising a period of Two years and a quarter.

"The Committee possess no check on this account, nor have they

any means of ascertaining its correctness other than the declaration of Mr. Freeman.

"After investigating the business thoroughly, it is respectfully proposed that the Board allow the sum of One Thousand Seventy five Dollars, fifty cents, as Compensation in full for these services; which sum is the result of the following statement—to wit—

"Chain Bearer 130 days à $1 is	$130.00
"Actual Surveying 130 days à $4	520.00
"Time consumed in Mapping &c. supposing the Acct. correct 212¾ à $2	425.50
	$1075.50
If from this is deducted the amount estimated in the Acct. for the 8th Ward	255.00
it will leave for the 9th Ward	$820.50

[179] a sum much larger, it is believed, than was ever contemplated to be given for surveying and mapping this ward."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Samuel Akerly:
" Reuben Munson:
" Stephen Allen:
" G. N. Bleecker, Compt.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee and Comptroller, on the Petition of Thomas Burling, reported:

"That they have examined into the particulars of this case, and are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to relief on the ground that this property was destroyed by fire during the time when the tax was collectable: they therefore recommend that Mr. Gilbert, the Collector of Arrears be instructed to cancel the same."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Samuel Akerly:
" Reuben Munson:
" Stephen Allen:
" G. N. Bleecker, Compt.

*Approved.

[180] The Finance Committee and Comptroller on the Petition of Frederic C. Havemeyer, reported:

"That in their opinion it would be improper for this Board to

interfere in the case, and recommend that the applicant have leave to withdraw his petition."

(sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Samuel Akerly
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" G. N. Bleecker, Comptr.

which Report was approved.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Representation of John W. Weyman, Clerk of the Sessions, Reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration, and have made many enquiries and examinations on the subject, the result of which has been—that the several public Offices in the City Hall have been fitted up at the expence of the Corporation.

"That the fixtures and furniture in most of them, and particularly the [181] County Offices, have also been made at the public Expence.

"That the boxes and cases which at present contain the Records and Papers of the Court of General Sessions of the peace, as well as the seal, screw and press of that Court have been provided at the expence of the present Clerk.

"Your Committee therefore can see no reason why the Office in question should not be put on the same footing as the other public offices in the City Hall.

"They accordingly recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to make such fixtures and Repairs in that Office, under the direction of your Committee, as will render more secure the public Records and Papers, and also that the sum of $134 dollars, being the sum actually paid by the present incumbent for boxes and cases, in which the public Records and Papers are now contained, and for the seal, press & screw of the court of which he is the clerk, be refunded to him."

(sign'd) George B. Thorp:
" Stephen Allen:
" W. F. Van Amringe.

[182] which Report was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Special Committee, on the subject of the Clerk's Office, reported:

"That they find the Minutes or proceedings of the Board have not been engrossed later than the 13th May last: That the engrossed

Minutes for 6 months preceding that date have not yet, as they understand, been compared with the Originals and corrected.

"That there appear a number of blanks in the engrossed minutes of several years back, which seem to have been left for entries that have never been made: the Committee however are informed that this omission is not the fault of the Clerk, but to be attributed to other causes.

"It also appears that the book of Ordinances, in which all the ordinances or laws of a general nature should be regularly entered as they are passed with the seal of the Corporation, does not contain an entry since the year 1815—altho' [183] a number of new, and some of them important laws have been passed since that time.

"The Committee are of opinion that the present is an improper condition for the public Records to remain in, and that more attention should be paid to a matter of so much interest and importance to the City.

"The Clerk of the Common Council being also the receiver of the Mayoralty fees, the Committee think it proper to state that by one of our laws it is made his duty to render weekly to the Comptroller an account of these fees and to pay over the amount to the Chamberlain; but by the Comptroller's statement it does not appear that any regular account has been rendered him for some time past, altho' Mayoralty fees have been from time to time paid by him to the Chamberlain.

"For the foregoing services it may not be improper to state the Clerk receives

First as Clerk of the Common Council.....	$750.
Second—as Receiving Clerk.....	500.
[184] To which add as Secretary of the Board of Health.....	250.00
Making together	$1500.00

"Upon the whole, the Committee propose the adoption of the following Resolutions

"Resolved, that the Clerk of the Common Council cause the Minutes to be engrossed by some person to be by him provided for the purpose, in a fair and handsome hand, equal to those of Vol. 31—and carefully examine the same: that all the blanks in the Minutes already engrossed be filled up as far as practicable: the whole to be completed by the 15th day of February next.

"Resolved, that thereafter, at any regular meeting of the Board, the minutes in the business of engrossing and examination shall be but two meetings behind the said regular meeting.

"Resolved, that it be, and it is hereby made the duty of the Receiving Clerk to provide a book or register; in which he shall regularly enter all [185] monies received by him in that capacity; particularly designating, under the proper head, the name of the payer, the amount paid, on what account, and the date when received.

"Resolved, that the Office hours of the Clerk of the Common Council shall hereafter be from 9 to 3 o'clock from the 1st of May to the 1st of November, and from 10 to 3 o'clock during the rest of the year.

"And further, as it is necessary in consequence of the revision of the laws last spring to enter most of them anew, which would be a considerable undertaking

"Resolved, that this Committee be empowered to employ a suitable person to enter the whole of general ordinances in the Book kept for that purpose, and if necessary to provide a new one.

"Resolved, that there be added to the number of Standing Committees one to consist of three members, and to be denominated the Committee on Public Offices; whose duty it shall be to [186] examine and report to the Board quarterly: to wit, on the first Monday in April, July, October and January, and oftener should they think proper, the state and condition of the office of the Comptroller, of the Street Commissioner, of the Clerk of the Common Council, of the City Inspector, and of such other Offices as they may consider for the public interest.

"The Committee in closing their Report beg leave to observe that their confidence in the ability. and integrity of the present Clerk is undiminished, and they are happy to learn that since their appointment arrangements have been made by him to remedy the existing evils: it is neveretheless their opinion that the public interest will be promoted by so defining the duties of the Officers of the Board, that, if possible, nothing may be left to construction in the execution thereof; and therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith:
" Stephen Allen:
*Approved " Samuel Stevens.

[187] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 22d ins	$416.43	
Received for Streets	4,500.00	
" " Canal Street	500.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	380.00	5,796.43

20 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson—Watch 1 dist.....	1,118.25	
Walton & Hibberd do. 2d dist.....	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	413.00	
Jonath. Weeder—Street Inspectr. 1 Mo. Salary—1 January.	54.00	
Sam. Hutchings—St. Inspectr 1 Mo. Salary—1 January....	54.00	
W. J. Waldron—Asst City Inspecr 1 Mo. Salary—1 January	54.00	
Obad. Ayres—Asst City Inspec. 1 Mo. Salary—1 January..	54.00	
Astin & Cochran—Messengers, 1 Mo. Salary—1 January...	60.00	
Ch. Mooney—flaggng Centre Market.....	413.31	
Thos. Barnum, Supng Wharves and Piers, 24 days.....	48.00	
Gaml Smith—Award 13th Street.....	59.00	
Corlis & May—flaggs Broad Way.....	600.00	
Jac. C. Mott and Associates, making sundry Assessments..	393.00	
[188] Abrahm Stagg, on account for paving Orange Street.	300.00	
Robert Latimer, on acct. for forming Road thro' Hudson St.	300.00	
Thomas Scott, on acct. for paving Lombardy Street.....	100.00	
Thomas Corbley, for repairg intersections of Streets.....	50.63	
Pangburn & Blanch, Mason work for Engine house Greenwch	216.50	
Jacob P. Roome, Superintend. Repairs, for Engine house Greenwch	300.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Sup. Repairs, to pay Workmen.....	320.00	5,590.19
	Balance	$=206.24

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[189] In Common Council:—January 5. 1818.

Present. The Honorable Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Stevens:
J. Warren Brackett:	John Remmy:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Samuel Akerly:
Eldad Holmes:	Jacob B. Taylor:
Geo. Buckmaster:	Effing. Schieffelin:
Arthur Burtis:	Stephen Allen.
George B. Thorp:	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Colonel Murray (Commanding the 14th Regiment of the 1st Brigade New York State Artillery, called the Governor's Guard.) requesting to be complimented by the Corporation with a Stand of Colours—was read and referred to the Finance Committee to report.

A Petition of Joshua Place and Samuel [190] Pearcy, to be permitted to sell meat at Private Stalls in Division Street—was read, and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of Nicholas Steele and Matthias Smith, for Stalls No. 2 and No. 3, Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition and Remonstrance of the Licensed Chimney Sweepers, was read and laid for consideration.

A Petition of John Smith Inspector of Firewood for the 9th District, praying to be permitted to inspect wood stored at the Corners of Reed & Washington Streets and of Chamber and Washington Streets, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 3d Ward to Report.

A Representation from the Visiting Committee of the Humane Society, recommending the erection of Stoves in the Rooms of the Debtors' Gaol, was read, [191] and referred to the Committee of Charity.

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A Petition of Thomas Gardner was presented, stating that he holds a mortgage for $750 with interest on property formerly belonging to Beekman M. Van Beuren of which he understands the Corporation have received a Release of the Equity of Redemption, and he informs that he is proceeding on his Mortgage to recover the monies due thereon in expectation that the Corporation will direct the amount due to him to be paid in—whereupon, it was ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of Lewis and Thaddeus Seymour praying that they may be permitted to pay the due proportion of an Assessment laid upon a Lot owned by them in Mott Street for improving said Street which on the Assessment by the Commissioner was included with another Lot owned by the Trustees of Zion Church but which said Lot has been since purchased by them—Ordered that it be referred to the Finance Committee and Attorney.

[192] A Petition of Stephen Huestis to be appointed a Weigher of Hay at Haerlem recommended by a number of Inhabitants, was read and granted, and he was appointed accordingly.

A Petition that Oliver Street may be extended to Chatham Square, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

Resignations of John Doughty and Samuel D. Ingraham of the appointment of Weighers of Hay at Haerlem, were read and accepted.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that an Ordinance may

be passed restraining the Raking for Crabs in the Winter Season, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from John Baptiste Robin, Fruiterer, stating that he was prosecuted on a charge of selling Liquor without License of which he was innocent—that he was persuaded to confess judgment and [193] apply to the Honorable Corporation for redress—that he therefore solicited the interference of the Common Council—Ordered to be referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th Ward.

A Petition of Nathan Morse, Tavern Keeper, for Remission of Fine incurred by permitting Card-playing in his house, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of John J. Fink and Abraham Vermilyea to be permitted to exchange with each other Stalls No. 54 and No. 1 Washington Market, and a Petition from Gilbert Cromwell for Stall No. 25 Fly Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Proposal from Jacob Patchen, Ichabod White, John Patchen and Israel Reynolds, to pay to the Corporation for the Stands which they now occupy in the Lower Fly Market One hundred and fifty Dollars per annum each, in lieu of fees, was read and referred to the Mar-[194] ket Committee.

A Petition from Stephen Huestis, for remission of Fine for weighing Hay without a Commission as a Weigh Master, stating that he had acted under the authority of a Licensed Weigher, which he had supposed was legal, was read, and the fine remitted on payment of costs.

A Petition of Daniel Updike, a Watchman of Captain Hibbert's Company, complaining of being removed from his office of Watchman, and praying his case to be enquired into—was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial was received from Dominick Lynch, stating that in the year 1810 he improved certain Water Lots granted to him lying on Water and Walnut Streets by sinking Piers &c.—that the Corporation laid out a Slip at that place and took part of Petitioner's ground for which no compensation has been made—that they have [195] also during that period received the whole of the Wharfage—and praying a settlement of his demands for the same. He also stated that he was indebted to the Corporation for expences in filling in certain Lots on Collect Street and for quit rent on Water lots at Walnut Street—that part of those sums are unpaid as he considered himself as having a claim for a large amount against the Corporation—that a suit has been instituted against him for the same which he prays may be suspended.

He also stated that property belonging to him in Orange Street had been taken for improving and widening said Street without his assent, and praying to be compensated therefor—He finally requested the Corporation would take immediate measures to make a Settlement with him of the above subjects—Whereupon, it was referred to the Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Attorney.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to order, presented a Map of the grounds [196] included in the Military Square—which was laid on the Table.

He also presented a Communication on the subject of Contracts which shall hereafter be entered into for sinking Wells—which was approved, and it was referred to the Attorney to prepare a Draft of the form of such Contract.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessment for paving Cross Street—and a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

Upon the suggestion of the Street Commissioner, Abraham Baudouine was appointed Assessor in the Ordinance for rebuilding the Common Sewer at Peck Slip in place of Michael M. Titus who declined acting.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Pump and Well in Perry Street near Herring Street—which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, John Brower and Abraham Baudouine were [197] appointed Assessors.

He also presented the assessments for regulating and paving Greenwich Street from Hamersly Street to Christopher St.: for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street near Market Street; and for regulating Bleecker Street—which were confirmed, and Morris D'Camp was appointed Collector on the Two former, and Noah Jarvis on the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances:—to wit

E. Day	Owner.	Charlton c. Hudson.	Privy.
A. B. Conk & J. Harvey	Occ.		
A. Blauvelt	Owner.	Hudson St.	do.
J. Day	Occupant.		
Ann Purdy	Owner.	do.	do.
T. Powers, A Brenmer and M. Hopper	Occ.		
Hy Mickmark	Own. & Occ.	Rhyn[l]ander's Alley.	do.
L. Kelly	do. do.	4 do.	do.

T. Doremus	Owner	27.	Harrison St.	Privy.
J. Blauvelt	Occupant.			
Dan. Fashee	Own. & Occ.	4	Beach St.	do.
[198] D. Magee	Owner	7	Harrison St.	do.
T. Pope	Occupant.			
J. Vanderbilt	Owner	8	Beach St	do.
P. Mabie	Occupant.			
Vandolston	Owner	2	do.	do.
D. Oldridge	Occupant.			
Sam. Carmaker	Owner	6	do.	do.
O. Wells	Occupant			
Hy White	Own. & Occ.	10	do.	do.
J. Gray	Owner,	44	Jay Street	do.
T. Blake	Occupant			
William Ludlum	Own.	Jay c. Rhinlander		do.
R. Pitcaitly	Occ.			
J. Ashfield	Owner	10	Jay St	do
J. B. Martin	Occupant			
J. Vanderbeck	Own.	18	do.	do.
Sam. Lewis	Occupant			
Jno. McComb	Owner	23	do.	do.
Sage	Occupant			
Wm Stone Esq.	Owner	39	do.	do.
Wm J. Cartels	Occupant			
Mrs. Glover	Owner		Mott Street.	Lot.

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

[199] The Market Committee, on the Petition of Peter P. Roome for Stall No. 2. Greenwich Market, reported that the same be granted to him—which was approved.

The Ferry Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Rodman Bowne, together with a Report of a former Committee dated the 7th of April 1817, presented a Report.

The Report of the former Committee of 7th April 1817 was as follows: to wit

"That they have well considered the Application of the Petitioner and would therefore recommend to this Board the propriety of granting in part the request of the petitioner by extending his Lease Thirteen years from the First of May next which lease will be for the same time as the one at Fulton Slip

"Provided, the petitioner pay to the Corporation the following rent, namely for the first six years Eighteen hundred Dollars per annum—for the last seven years Two thousand Dollars per annum—which is at the same ratio as the Lessees of the Fulton Slip Ferry pay [200] to this Corporation

"Also, that the Petitioner place on the Ferry another good and sufficient Horse Boat to be propelled not less than by Eight Horses in one year from the first of May next."

(sign'd) Peter Conrey:
" Wm AlBurtis:
" J. Mapes.

The Report this day presented was as follows:—to wit

"That the Committee have considered the application of the Petitioner and the Report of the former Committee dated the 7th of April last, viz—to extend his Lease to the same time as the lease granted to Fulton Slip Ferry—and recommend to the Board to adopt the said Report on conditions the said Petitioner shall, before taking his lease, put on the Ferry another good and sufficient Horse-boat on or before the expiration of one year—said Boat to be approved of by the Corporation."

(sign'd) G. Buckmaster:
" J. Warren Brackett:
" Eldad Holmes.

which was approved.

[201] The Second Resolution proposed by the Ferry Committee in their Report recommending an Application to the Legislature to repeal the laws regulating the Ferries at Brooklyn, and which was laid for consideration on the 22d of December last, was called up—It was then moved that the Board reconsider the Resolution agreed to on the said subject on the 22d of December last so as to bring up the whole subject before the Board. This motion was unanimously agreed to—The following Resolutions were then presented as Substitutes and agreed to:—towit

"1st Resolved—that the Counsel of the Board endorse on the Lease executed to Fulton and Cutting for the old Ferry at Brooklyn the assent of the Board to their procuring and using on the said Ferry a Team Boat instead of a Second Steam Boat mentioned in the said Lease—On condition that such Team Boat be equally convenient with the Team boat now used on the new ferry to Brooklyn; and that the said Team Boat be put in actual operation on the said ferry, on [201B] or before the first day of June next: which boat being so put in opera-

tion to the satisfaction of this Board, it shall be deemed a full compliance with the said lease.

"2d Resolved, that this Board do hereby authorise and empower the Lessees of the old ferry to Brooklyn to demand and receive the same rates of ferriage in the said Team Boat as they are now entitled to receive in their Steam Boat, so far as this Board can legally authorize them to demand and receive the same.

"3d Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board prepare an application to the Legislature for the purpose of requesting the Repeal of the present laws regulating the said Ferries to Brooklyn and recognizing the right vested in this corporation by their Charter to regulate the ferries to and from this City." (Agreed to.)

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom it was referred to select suitable places whereon to erect Two Engine [202] Houses. Reported: as follows—to wit*

The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of Michael Nagle, Reported:

"That on enquiry being made at the Police Office, the Committee were informed that the said Nagle was convicted on his own confession of violating the law of this State for restraining Hawkers. Pedlars &c. from selling without License. It appeared, that the goods found upon him were sold to satisfy the Penalty,

and that they brought	£8: 0:10d
from which was deducted for Auctioneer's Commission & Costs of Court	1:14: 6
Leaving a Balance of	£7: 6: 4

or $15.79 cents, the one Moiety of which was paid the informer and the remainder to the City Chamberlain for the use of the [203] poor. The Committee recommend that the amount paid into the Treasury be returned to said Nagle, and that a Warrant pass accordingly."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen:
" Samuel Stevens:
" John B. Coles:
" Eldad Holmes.

which Report was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant Accordingly.

The Special Committee, (to whom had been referred the Report of the Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips on the subject of the Petitions for establishing a public Slip at the foot of Roosevelt Street, and a Remonstrance against the same, and a Petition for establishing a Slip or Public Basin at the foot of Oliver Street) presented a Report, which was read—Upon a Resolution proposed by the said

* No report follows, although a space is left for it.—ED.

Special Committee that both the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip and those at the foot of Oliver Street should be reserved for public purposes, the ques- [204] tion being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative—Upon the further Resolution proposed by said Committee that the waters at the foot of Roosevelt Street be now taken and occupied as a Public Slip and that those at the foot of Oliver Street be occupied for public purposes whenever public convenience shall require such occupation, it was moved that the consideration of that question be postponed—the question being taken thereon, and a Division called, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

8—Affirmative. Mr. Recorder: Aldermen Coles: Buckmaster: Burtis: Mr. Stevens: Taylor: Schieffelin: Allen.

7—Negative. Aldermen Brackett: Underhill: Holmes: Thorp: Munson Mr. Van Amringe: Remmey.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of appointing a Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers, was called up and [205] made the Order of the Day for the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee, on the Petition for widening Grand Street, Reported: "That after a careful examination of the subject with the reasons for and against the proposed improvement are unanimously of opinion that it will be a valuable improvement if said street is widened between Broadway & the Bowery, & that it will tend very much to enhance the value of the property in the street. "They therefore recommend that Grand Street between Broadway & the Bowery be widened to 70 feet by taking 20 feet from the lots on the south side of the street, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be instructed to take the usual measures to have said Street widened as shown on the plan herewith presented."

(signed) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John McComb. S. C.

which was agreed to

The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Buckmaster:

"Resolved, that in future the New York Evening Post be one of the Newspapers for the printing of the Laws and Ordinances of this Board."

[206] The Report of the Committee of Finance on the Increase of the Fees for Vessels lying in the Public Slips was moved to be considered. A motion was made to adjourn which was carried

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 29 Dec	$206.24	
Received for Streets	2,000.00	
" " Canal Street	1,000.00	
" " Fines &c. Police Office	76.25	
" " Arrears of Tax	1,500.00	4782.49

19 Accounts Audited.

Dan. H. Magee—keeper Potter's Fd. 1 month—1 instant	46.50	
Jno. W. Weyman—boxes, seal, press, &c. for Office—ordd 29 Dec	134.00	
J. Brush Plank—Supdg Repairs. Centre Market Cellars	58. 6	
G. Snethen—Supngs & Lighting Lamps—1 mo. 1st instant	754.69	
Joel West—1 bbl. Spts. Turpentine for Lamps	23.62	
Sayre & Force—Chambers Pumps 1 year to 1st inst	140.00	
[207] R. F. Muller—Int. on bond—6 mo. to 3d Instant	280.49	
Pet. Bonnett—Int. on bond—6 mo. to 3d instant	97.54	
A. Storms—Bulkhead—Crane Whf	500.00	
Corlis & May—flaggs Broad Way	400.00	
Abr. Stagg—paving Orange St. from Chatham to Bayard St.	300.00	
H. Van Pelt—inspects paving Sts	292.73	
Chs. Mooney paving Broad Wy	200.00	
Representatives of Chs. Golden deceased paving Hudson St.	200.00	
Chs. Mooney—paving Cross St	100.00	
Abr. Stagg—pavs Mulberry St	100.00	
Jno. Culbert—do. Oliver St	100.00	
Mary Marshall—Award for Water Street	46.50	
Richard Furman, Superintdt of the Alms house	1000.00	4774.13
	Balance—	$=8.36

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock

[208] In Common Council: January 12. 1818.

Present Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants.
J. Warren Brackett:	Samuel Stevens:
Anth. L. Underhill:	Leonard Kip:
Eldad Holmes:	W. F. Van Amringe:
Geo. Buckmaster:	John Remmy:
Arthur Burtis:	Samuel Akerly:
Geo. B. Thorp.	Jacob B. Taylor:
	Effingm Schieffelin:
	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Robert Latimer, to be released from his contract

with the Corporation to work the 8th Avenue, was read and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John R. Livingston for discontinuance of a Suit brought against him for not filling in certain [209] Lots, was read and referred to the Street Committee and City Inspector.

A Petition of Robert Givan, for Remission of Personal Tax laid on him, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of B. Romaine for leave to construct a Vault in Hudson Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms.

Petitions from Robert Latimer and Corynus Bertholf for Remission of Fines for selling Liquor without License, were read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Murtaugh Byrne, for remission of Fine under charge of suffering a Billiard Table to be kept in his house was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

[210] A Petition of Adam Thompson, for Return of proportion of Assessment laid on the Lot at the Corner of Broome and Mulberry Streets paid by Petitioner, and part of which Lot is occupied by an Engine House owned by the Corporation, was read and ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller to Report.

A Memorial of the Female Assistance Society requesting further pecuniary aid for their Establishment, accompanied with a Report of their proceedings, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A further Petition of Uzal W. Freeman, stating that the allowance, made by the Committee to whom his Account for Surveys and Maps of the 8th and 9th Wards had been referred, was not adequate to the labor and expence attending the same, and requesting a further consideration, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Herriman, that [211] a Suit commenced against him on account of a Building said to be erected contrary to the provisions of the act for prevention of Fires, may be discontinued, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and the Chief Engineer.

An Invitation of the Trustees of the Society of Industry to the Members of the Common Council to attend a meeting of said Society on Tuesday next at 12 o'clock, to examine the proceedings of said Society and to judge of the beneficial effects resulting to the community from the same, was read and accepted.

A Petition of Jacob Coutant on the subject of an Assessment laid, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances:—towit

N. Warner	Owner.	Pump c. Mulberry Sts.		
P. Connor	Occupant.			Privy
[212] T. Robinson	Owner	96	Pump St.	
J. Perrigrue	Occ.			do.
S. Beedle	Own. & Occ.	102	do.	do.
J. Woolsey	Own.	122	do.	do.
M. Fisher	Occ.			
P. Halstead	Own.	126	do.	do.
J. Kennedy	Occ.			
B. Ogden	Own.	154	Hester St	do.
S. M[c]Cully	Occ.			
Mr. Dyche	Own.	156	do.	do.
J. H. Martin	Occ.			
G. Astor	Own.	159	do.	do.
A. Bettiner	Occ.			
G. Astor	Own.	161	do.	do.
P. Byrd	Occ.			
J. Myers	Own.	162	do.	do.
T. Hunt	Occ.			
S. Beedle	Own.	169	do.	do.
J. Jones	Occ.			
W[m] Pittman	Own.	171	do.	do.
S. Hyde	Occ.			
J. Lynch	Own.	172	do.	do.
M. Vermillia	Occ.			
Jno. P. Ritter	Own.		Greenwich St.	Lot
Joel West	Lessee.		Greenwich c. King	do.

(sign'd) G. Cuming. Cit. Inspec.

which Ordinances were passed.

[213] The City Inspector presented the following Remarks on a Statement of the deaths, in the City & County of New York, for the year 1817, amounting to Two Thousand five hundred and Twenty seven, succeeded by the Annual Report of Interments:—to wit

"Remarks."

"In 1816 the number of deaths exceeded that of the last year by Two hundred and twelve. The Small Pox in the former year was

very fatal, having carried off One hundred and seventy nine. persons; whereas in the latter, Fourteen only died of that complaint. This circumstance may account for the present decrease in deaths. It is to be lamented, however, that this fatal Complaint has again visited our City, and if the exertions now employed fail in checking its fearful progress, it is to be apprehended that the next year's report will present a melancholy picture of Deaths, which might have been avoided, but for the persevering obstinacy of many who reject vaccination.

"The Consumptive Cases, as usual, [214] occupy a considerable space in the list of deaths, not however in a greater proportion than was formerly presented:—the same causes continue to produce the same effects, in this widely extended Complaint.

"It is a matter of great consolation that our City has been exempted from that dreadful complaint the Yellow Fever: that whilst other cities on the Continent experienced its destructive visitation, we, under the precautionary measures of a vigilant Board of Health, aided by a superintending Providence, have escaped its ruthless devastation.

"It may not be improper to remark, that altho' the number of deaths were fewer the last year than in 1816, yet more persons died of Old Age than in the preceding year. Ninety six persons quietly departed, among whom was a woman born in this City at the advanced age of 103—a proof, if any were wanting, that this Climate is as friendly to Longevity as any other, and that to imprudence alone it is attributable that we have not many such instances to record."

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

[215] "Annual Report of Interments"

in the City & County of New York—commencing on the 1st day of January and ending on the 31st day of December 1817, shewing the sexes of the persons who died—&c. &c

(Abstract.)

"Men	763
"Women	607
"Boys	673
"Girls	484
"Total	2527

which Report was directed to be published in the usual manner.

The Comptroller presented the following Report: to wit

"On the 22d July 1816, the Board resolved, that the Collectors of Taxes who have settled with the Treasurer be, and they are hereby directed and required to deliver to the Treasurer their Books of Assessment, in order that the Arrears of Taxes may be handed over to such person or persons, as shall hereafter be appointed by the Board to collect the same; and that it shall be the duty of the Collectors of Taxes, in every succeeding year, [216] to deliver up their Books of Assessment to the Treasurer, on the day on which they settle their balance of Taxes with him, that similar arrangements may be made for the collection of all Arrears."

"It was also Resolved, that the Comptroller call upon the several Collectors, and direct them to pay over to the Chamberlain or Treasurer such sums as remain in their hands of Taxes by them collected.

"Agreeably to the above Resolutions, the Comptroller sent a Circular to each of the Collectors of Taxes, informing them of the order of the Board.

"On the 6th August following, a Report was made to the Common Council, that Two of the Collectors have paid the Treasurer the Balance remaining with them—But One has delivered over the Book of Collection, in conformity with the Resolution of the Board—and that it appeared very difficult, if not impracticable to proceed with the Collection of Arrears of Taxes, unless the Order of the Board is complied with.

"By a Return made by Mr. [217] Gilbert, who is the Collector of Arrears of Taxes, it appears that the Collectors of the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Wards have paid to him to the 1st instant the sum of $1352.30 Amount remaining in their hands of Taxes by them collected in different years.

"The Books of the Collectors, as directed by the foregoing Resolution of the Board on the 22d July, 1816, have only been delivered complete by the Collector of the 10th Ward, and partially by the Collectors of the 6th 7th and 9th Wards.

"The Collector of Arrears feels much embarrassment in the Collection of Taxes, for the want of the several Collectors' Books, which he has made exertions to obtain, but cannot.

"To enforce the Resolution of the Board, and also to expedite future Collections of Arrears it is respectfully recommended—"That the Board should direct the Treasurer to demand and receive of the respective Collectors their Books, at the time they settle the Balance of Tax, and that he should with- [218] hold giving a Receipt for said

Balance, to such as refuse or neglect to comply with the Order of the Board."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker,
Comptroller.

which Report was approved.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies) to wit:

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 1."

David Keys—Cooper—20 Banker St—4th Ward. vice Dav. S. Gibson, Resigned.

Duncan McKechney—do—14 Cliff St—2d Ward—chosen an additional Member

Donald McLeod, Grocer, Wall c. Front, 1st Ward chosen an additional Member.

"Fire Engine Company No. 3"

B. Harriot, Cabinet Mr—Stone St. 1st Ward. vice D. McKitchine, Shifted to the Hook & Ladder Company.

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

J. Van Zandt, Mercht. 60 Chatham S. 4th Wd vice Moses Beadell, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 6"

J. Whitehead, Brush Mr 115 Orange St. 6 Wd vice William Brooks, Removed

[219] "Fire Engine Company No 17."
Stationed in Fayette St.

Hy E. Hoyt, Watch Mr 121 Cherry S. 4th Wd vice James Scott, made Engineer.

C. E. Degrushie, Cordwainer—128 Front S. 2d Wd vice Daniel Comstock, Resigned.

John Lent, Shipwright—89 Chrystie S. 10th Wd vice Peter Noe, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 24"

Elijah Budd, Cabinet Mr—28 Cedar S. 1st Wd vice Walter Moffat, Resign'd

"Fire Engine Company No. 26."

Alex. Stewart, Sash Mr, Norfolk c. Grand S. 10 Wd vice Mich. M. Titus, Resign'd

Dav. O. Earl, Mason, 157 Division S. 7th Wd vice Sam. G. Weekes, Resigned

A Petition of Sarah Beach for remuneration for the Services of her husband Jesse Beach in ascertaining the Latitude of the City Hall, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the 1st Ward for the Erection of a Market in said Ward, was read and referred [220] to the Market Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Columbia Street—which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood, and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Orange Street from Bayard to Pump Street, which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Attorney, agreeably to the reference to him, presented the draught of the form of the Contract to be used hereafter in Contracts to be made for Sinking of Wells—which was approved.

The Report of the Committee on the appointment of a Superintendant of Sweeps having been made the order of the day was called up—(and it was settled by the Recorder and agreed to by the Board, that a Motion for the Order of the day took the precedence of all other motions and was to be [221] considered immediately after the reading of Petitions & Original Communications.)

The Report of the Committee was read and agreed to. The Board then took up the Ordinance reported by the Committee—A motion was made to strike out the first section of the Bill, which was negatived, and the first section agreed to. A motion was then made to amend the second section by restricting the Limits to Grand Street, which was agreed to. Upon the question of agreeing to the Section as amended, it was negatived. After some further discussion, the Ordinance was recommitted*ed* to the same Committee with the addition of Messieurs Allen: Stevens and The Attorney.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the subject of the Course of the Streets thro' the grounds of Mr. John Ireland, Reported.

"That they have had a Map made of the grounds and duly con- [222] sidered the subject referred to them

"They do not see cause to alter the direction of any of the Streets as delineated on Mr. Ireland's Map, except that of Cornelia Street—they propose that this street be continued on a straight line from its junction with 12th Street at Greenwich Lane to the North River, and also that 13th Street be continued across the angle formed by the Fitzroy Road and Greenwich Lane.

The Committee recommend that the foregoing plan be adopted and confirmed by this Board, there being no objections thereto by the persons interested therein."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes:
" Leonard Kip:
" John Remmy:
" John M^cComb,
Street Commiss^r

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee and Attorney, on the petition of Lewis and Thaddeus Seymour, Reported:

" That the prayer of the Pe- [223] titioner ought not to be granted, inasmuch as it would embarrass the proceedings for the residue of the amount of the assessment."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen:
" Leonard Kip:
" Samuel Akerly:
" Reuben Munson.

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Visiting Committee of the Humane Society, Reported:

" That they have examined the several apartments appropriated for confined debtors, & found them as represented. The Committee have ascertained that suitable Stoves may be purchased at $22 each & that the whole expence of the necessary Pipe & other fixtures for 6 stoves will not exceed $180

" The saving in fuel & the comfort to be experienced by the unfortunate Debtor should this arrangement be adopted, induces the Committee to recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs, under the direction of this or some other Committee be authorised to purchase & erect a suitable stove in Rooms Nos. 1. 3. 4. 5. 6 & at the expence of this Board."

(sign'd) Steph. Allen:
" Samuel Stevens:
" Arthur Burtis:
" Eldad Holmes

*Ordered to be executed under the same Committee.

[224] The Aldermen and Assistants of the 3^d Ward, to whom was referred the Petition of John Smith and James Hunt on the subject of inspecting Firewood from yards where it is stored—Reported:

" That they have taken the same into consideration, and recommend that the wood yarded on the Hudson River, be divided among the

following Wood Inspectors—That the wood yarded South side of Chamber Street to Washington Market be one District, and that John Smith and James Hunt inspect the Wood in said District—The Second District North East and North West of Chamber Street to Read Street, and that John E. Vankleck, Jacob Acker and Brookins of the 12th District inspect the Wood yarded in the aforesaid district—The Third District comprehending all the wood yarded from Jay to Harrison Street between Washington and West Street, and that Joseph D. Smith of the 14th District inspect the last said district

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
*Approved. " Leonard Kip.

[225] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Thomas Hazard Jr. Reported:

"That they deem it inexpedient and improper to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, inasmuch as it would be an annoyance to the neighbourhood, and especially in making a storehouse of a part of a public Street, contrary to one of the Ordinances of the Corporation of this City.

"They therefore recommend that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes:
" Leonard Kip:
" John Remmey:
" Jno. M^cComb,
Street Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th Ward, on the Petition of John Baptiste Robin, reported that they had made the necessary enquiry as it relates to the Complaint, and are of opinion that the prayer of the [226] Petitioner ought to be granted by his paying Cost."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes:
" W. F. Van Amringe.

which Report was approved.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 5 ins		$8.36
Received for Excise		100.00
"	Tavern Licences	117.60
"	Wells & Pumps	100.00
"	Arrears of Taxes	500.00
"	Streets	1,200.00
"	Vendue Sales	2,500.00

Received for	Canal Street	$3,000.00	
"	Rents	3,735.23	
"	Tax 1817. 2d 3d 6th 8th 9th 10th Wds	12,000.00	=23,261.19

27 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson Watch 1st District	1,118.25	
Walton & Hibberd, Watch 2d District	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3d District	413.00	
Jno. Bedient, Coroner, fees for 3 mo. to 1st inst	486.85	
[227] Benj. Crane, Stationary, 3 months to 1st instant	43.25	
Mich. Nangle, Remission of Fine, Ordd by Board 5th inst.	7.90	
R. Munson, 11 Casks Oil of Thomas Hazard Junior	867.75	
Joseph Dederer, Int. on Bond 1 year 3d instant	253.43	
Jno. Anderson, 4th & last Instalt pier foot Fulton St. North River	1500.00	
Reuben Ayres, Carting Dirt on several piers	110.25	
Jno. Parsons, 1st Instalment, Well Division Street	80.37	
Barnes Hatfield, bal. on Well, Cherry near Market Street	56.71	
Blaze Moore, Award for Orange Street	9,028.00	
Daniel Demarest, Award for Provost Street	2,360.00	
John G. Betts, Award for Provost Street	1,600.00	
Alex. L. Stewart, Award for Provost Street	350.00	
Pet. Parcells, regulating Streets & Greenwich Village	500.00	
[228] J. McComb, St. Com., Award Heirs Joseph Marshall decd for Water Street	125.00	
Hugh Smith, paving Cliff St	200.00	
Uzl Freeman, Surveys & Maps, 8th & 9th Wds Ordered 29th Dec.	1075.50	
Edw. Doughty, Surveys St. Comr 29 Dec. 1816 to 9 Nov. 1817	333.90	
Jos. Benson, levelling earth intersect. Pearl & Cherry Sts	25.00	
Abr. Stagg, paving intersect. Pearl & Chatham Streets	2.63	
Edward Henry, repairing Intersections Streets	2.25	
Jas Jenkins, Ironmongery for Engine house Greenwich	338.52	
Francis B. Winthrop, Annual donation to City Dispensary	500.00	
Rich. Furman, Superint. of the Alms House	1,000.00	23,061. 6
	Balance	$=200.13

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock.

[229] In Common Council: January 19. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, Pres^{dt}
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles:	Samuel Jones Jr
Jos. Warren Brackett:	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill:	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Thomas R. Smith	John Remmy
Robert M^{c}Queen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effing. Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board Returns which had been made to him by the Clerk of the Markets, (agreeably to the Resolutions of the Board,) of the Butchers holding Stalls in the several Markets either by License [230] or Permit—which were directed to be referred to the Market Committee.

A Request of Elijah Secor, to know if the Corporation will sell or lease the Lot at the Corner of Wall and Nassau Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney.

Petitions, of Jeremiah Tier for Stall No. 20 in Catharine Market, and of John Akly for Stall No. 35 Catharine Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from Charles M^{c}Carty, stating that on the 13th April 1807 Petitioner took a lease for 21 years of a Lot of the Corporation in Cherry Street—that for the purposes of opening Franklin Square the Property has been assessed $63, and for opening Roosevelt Street $456.50 cents—that though perhaps in strictness of law the Petitioner by the terms of the Lease might be compelled to pay the said Assessment, yet as the Improvement [231] enures to the benefit of the Freehold, he conceives that the whole of said Assessment should not be borne by him, and requests the aid of the Common Council—which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney.

A Petition of James Stuart was received, stating that in 1815, in consequence of his house on the Lot at the corner of Oliver and Oak Streets being destroyed by fire, a proportion of the Taxes laid on said Property was remitted, that he has lately been called upon for payment

of said Tax, and praying that the same be remitted—was read and referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney.

A Petition of W. M. Thurman, praying a Remission of Tax laid on him in 1815 far above the ability of Petitioner to pay, was referred to the same Committee.

[232] A Petition of William Scott, praying a Remission of Tax for the year 1814 which he avers he paid to John ONeale the Collector of the 6th Ward, was read and referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Charles Wilkes, stating that during the winter he resided in Chamber Street and during the summer in Greenwich Village —that he had been taxed for his personal property in Chamber Street and had paid it—that he has since been called upon by the Collector of the 9th Ward for personal tax at Greenwich—and praying Relief—which was also referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Francis Hammelin for Remission of Penalty for selling Liquor without Licence, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 6th Ward to Report.

A Petition of Inhabitants residing [233] in the Bowery, praying the name of the same may be changed to Great Washington Road, was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Communication was received from Jacob Smith Junior, stating that he has invented a Machine for throwing down Chimnies and Walls standing after a fire, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

An Account of some Men of Captain Anderson's Watch for Attending and guarding Goods in the street at the fire in Vesey Street, was presented and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial was received from Richard Varick, stating that the persons employed in digging out for the purpose of regulating Bleecker Street were encroaching on the private property of the Petitioner, and praying the interference of the Board was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants [234] of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner, and, until the Report of the Committee comes in, the persons employed in digging out Bleecker Street are to be instructed by the Street Commissioner to not interfere with the ground as claimed in Petitioner's Memorial.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants and Owners against the opening of Dover Street, and a Remonstrance of William Lawrence against the same, were severally read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Walter Din, for Remission of Penalty incurred under Sunday Law, was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition was received from Benjamin A. Akerly, Visiting Surgeon of the Alms House, stating that from the remote situation of that Establishment from the City considerable expence attended the Visitations to that place, and [235] suggesting the propriety of an allowance to him therefor, was read and referred to the Committee of the Alms House and the Commissioners of the Alms House.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for Building a Pier at Spring Street Basin, which was read and passed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication, stating that the Side Walks around the Public grounds were not kept in that state of cleanliness, and were not cleared of snow and ice in the winter season as the public comfort required, and recommending an enquiry generally as to that subject, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and the Street Commissioner.

He also presented the following Assessments, which were passed, and Morris D. Camp was appointed Collector in each—To wit—for regulating Asylum Street—for regulating Herring Street [236] from Christopher Street to Bank Street—and Hammond Street from Washington Street to Greenwich Lane—for regulating Perry Street from Washington Street to Asylum Street—for regulating Washington Street to Asylum Street—for regulating Amos Street from Washington Street to Asylum Street—for regulating Hudson Street from Hammond Street to the 9th Avenue—and for regulating Hudson Street from Charlton Street to Christopher Street.

A Communication was presented by the Street Committee and Street Commissioner on the subject of a Gore of Land which will be left by the Improvement of Cross Street between Pearl and Little Water Streets—which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee appointed on the 8th of December to settle and receive the Balance due this Corporation by the United States for money expended on fortifications during the late War, [237] reported:

"That in pursuance of their Appointment they proceeded to Washington and there laid before the Secretary of War the merits of the claim.

"This Officer appeared fully satisfied of the justice thereof, and evinced every disposition to make a final settlement & to pay the amount, but found himself officially debarred from this course by the decision of his predecessor in the year 1815, who, as it appeared by

the documents of the Office, had expressly declared that the claim could not be allowed by the War Department.

"The Committee then took the course advised by the Secretary of War, and laid the claim of the Corporation before the House of Representatives, together with the necessary explanations and the documents appertaining thereto: where it is believed that it will receive due attention.

"The Members of the House from this City were particularly charged with the business, and every information [238] was given them in relation thereto: in addition to which the Committee received assurance from the Secretary of War that he would afford every facility in the final settlement of the claim."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Ogden Edwards.

which Report was read and directed to be filed.

The Select Committee, on the Petition of James Waring, presented a Report favorable to the Petitioner—whereupon a Resolution was presented by Alderman Smith and agreed to:—to wit

"Resolved, that the Report lie on the Table and that in the mean time the Attorney of the Board be instructed to offer Mr. Waring a new trial and in the event of the suit going against him that the Penalty be enforced."

The Comptroller presented a Release to James Scott for Quit Rent on Lot No. 138 Common Lands which had been commuted for at the usual rate [239] which was directed to be duly executed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies—) to wit

"Fire Engine Company, No. 3."

Christoph. Heiser—Grocer—8 Broad S. 1st Wd—vice John Hill, shifted

"Fire Engine Company, No. 18."

Sam. Gilford—Mercht. 126 William S. 2d Wd—vice Samuel Willets, Resign'd.)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 20."

Isaac Terboss, Sail Mr—101 Front St. 1st Ward—vice Henry Ruckel, Resign'd

Silvanus Osborn, Painter, 60 Cedar St. 1st Ward—vice James Rose, Deceased

The Comptroller, on the account of A. Sherman, reported:

"That the Account of Alpheus Sherman Esquire, Attorney of the Corporation, which was referred to the Finance Committee on the 8th December last, has been examined by them, and found correct: and that the Balance due the Corporation from the 1st May [240] to the 1st November 1817—$76.27 was paid to the Treasurer the 16th instant."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller, on the Petition of Jacob Coutant, reported, that

"On examination it appears that the Petitioner was assessed in the 7th Ward the last year $8900—for personal property, and he admits that he is worth $7000, but owing to a variety of circumstances thinks that there should be some reduction.

"Without entering on the subject of the rate at which he should have been assessed, the precaution taken by the Assessors, agreeably to the amendment made to the law at the last session of the legislature, of giving sufficient notice by printed bills and notices in the public papers of the time and place for hearing appeals,—should preclude any interference after the Tax Books are completed, unless some manifest error which it would be impossible to correct [241] at the time, should make it just and proper. In the present case this does not appear, and at an interview with the petitioner he appeared sensible of the propriety of the above observations. It is therefore respectfully recommended that no further proceedings be had in this business."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which Report was approved.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for Correction of Sundry Nuisances. towit

Dan. Baker	Own. & Occ.	24 Pell St.	Privy.
J. J. Post S. Woodruff	Own. Occ.	65 Church St.	do.
L. Kipp A. McGarr	Lessee Lessee & Occ.	122 Duane St.	do.
J. Bingham M. Dulese	Own. Occ.	148 William S.	do.
T. Ash J. Van Tassel	Own. Occ.	33 Leonard St.	do.

Dan. Baker C. Simpson	Own. Occ.	59	Bayard St.	Privy.
M. McIlwain	Own. & Occ.	66	do.	do.
[242] Mrs. Schipp W. M. Heath	Own. Occ.	60	do.	do.
J. Appley A. Allen	Own. Occ.	64	do.	do.
Wm Mulligan David Hay	Own. Occ.	70	do.	do.
Jas. Clyde	Own & Occ	74	do.	do
J. Emmons C. Stewart	Own. Occ.	76	do.	do
L. Francis do	Own. Occ.	77	do.	do.
J. Appley Wm Underhill	Own. Occ.	83	do	do.
A. Kline J. *Fagaher* [Faghan]	Own. Occ.	93	do.	do.
William Wright do	Own. Occ.	96	do.	do.
J. Emmons M. Curry	Own. Occ.	104	do.	do.
C. Schip do	Own. Occ.	5	Elizabeth St.	do.
J. Frisilier do	Owner Occupant	11	do.	do.
W. & G. Post J. West	Owners Occupt	21	do.	do.
W. & G. Post do	Owners Occupants	28	do.	do.
[243] J. Robinson Wm Hilberton	Own. Occ.	34	do.	do.
Jno. J. Astor N. Jarvis A. Degrushe	Own, Agent Occ	38	do.	do.
J. Young	Lessee & Occ.	39	do.	do.
M. Ackerman	Own. & Occ.	47	do.	do.
C. White	do do	54	do.	do.
A. Smith J. Merrell	Own. Occ.	50	do.	do.

E. Towser	Own.	58 Elizabeth St.	Privy.
J. Oliver	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

which Ordinances were passed.

The Counsel presented the following communication—to wit—

"That Augustus Wright Esquire, one of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for extending the 6th Avenue, has declined acting: it therefore becomes necessary that another Commissioner should be appointed. As the petition is not prepared, the Counsel recommends that it should be executed during the recess of the Board.

[244] "The Counsel also respectfully recommends that the petition for widening Grand Street shall be executed during the recess of the Board."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

whereupon, the Petitions as therein requested were directed to be duly authenticated in the recess of the Board.

A Presentment of the Grand Jury on the subject of a Bill of Indictment against Abel Cole a youth, and complaining of the inexecution of a number of the laws of the Corporation, was read and laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Samuel Tooker and Isaac Pierson, reported:

"That on a reconsideration of the subject of their petition they are satisfied the rent recommended in a former report of theirs for the lots in Duane Street was too high

They beg leave therefore respectfully [245] to recommend

That the Corporation execute to the said Applicants a lease of the two lots alluded to for Twenty one years from the first day of May next at the yearly rent of ninety dollars for each lot. provided the old leases granted by this Board are first cancelled and provided also that this arrangement be completed before the first day of March next, and not otherwise, and also that they improve the said property by building thereon good and substantial brick buildings."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly
" Thos. R. Smith

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Robert Given Junior, reported:

"That in the opinion of your Committee, taking it for granted that the statement of Mr. Given is correct, he still has no just cause of complaint, inasmuch as the Books of Assessment are, according to Law, [246] left open for the inspection of all concerned Ten days: of which public notice is given thro' the medium of the News Papers, and also by Hand bills posted in each ward by the Assessors. To remit the Tax on Mr. Given, therefore, would be a precedent, which in the opinion of your Committee the Corporation ought not to sanction: they therefore recommend that the application of Robert Given Junior be rejected."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Thos. R. Smith.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Adam Thompson, Reported:

"That the piece of ground alluded to was purchased by the Corporation of George Parker on the 9th day of October 1812, free of all incumbrance: and the Canal Assessment was confirmed in August 1810:—it follows, therefore, in the [247] opinion of your Committee, that there is no just claim on the Corporation for any portion of this assessment, but as Parker was owner of the property at the time the assessment was confirmed, the claim of Adam Thomson, if he has any, is on him, and not on the Corporation."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Thos. R. Smith

which Report was approved.

The Street Committee and City Inspector, on the Petition of John R. Livingston, reported:

"That they find John R. Livingston was ordinanced, as above, in the month of June last, which Ordinance was to expire the first of August following; but in consequence of a Petition of the said John R. Livingston praying further time, the Board extended the period to the 1st of October last.

"Your Committee could not [248] learn that any efforts were

made previous to the last mentioned time—they therefore are not of opinion that the proceedings on the part of the Attorney of the Board should be suspended."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" George Cuming
City Inspect.

which was approved.

The Committee on the subject of appointing a Superintendant of Sweeps, presented a Report which was read, and the consideration postponed, and 50 copies directed to be printed under direction of the Committee for the use of members.

The following Resolution was proposed by Alderman Smith and agreed to:

"Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller to consider & report on the expediency of disposing of the public property on what is termed the Collect ground."

[249] The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Smith, & agreed to:

"Resolved that the Comptroller take measures to dispose of, at public or private sale, under the direction of the Finance Committee, the Lot of ground in Whitehall Street fronting Stone Street and belonging to the Corporation, and if sold at private sale that the Sale be previously approved by this Board."

The following was presented by Alderman Brackett, and agreed to:

"Resolved, that John McComb Esqr. the Architect of the City Hall, be requested to procure a suitable gilt Eagle to be placed on the Canopy over the President's Chair in the Common Council Chamber, with such appendage or accompanying Ornaments as he may deem proper for completing his plan of finishing the same."

The Report of the Committee on Public Lands on the subject of the Lands included within the Military Parade, [250] was called up, and after some discussion the whole subject, together with the Report, was referred to the same Committee with the addition of Aldermen Holmes Coles Messieurs Van Amringe Allen.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of increasing the Rates of Slippage, was called up, and, after some time spent thereon, the consideration thereof was postponed.

The following persons were appointed by the Mayor the Committee of Public Offices:—namely—Messieurs Allen: Stevens. and Akerly.

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 12 inst	$.200.13	
Recd. for Streets	3140.28	
" " Canal Street	2000.00	
" Penalties—balce Atty's	76.27	
" Jan 1817. 1, 2, 5, 7, & 10 Wards	16,400.00	
		$21,816.68

[251] 16 Accounts Audited.

Jac. Radcliff, Esqr. Mayor, 1 Qr's Salary, 18th inst	1750.00	
Corlis & May—flags Broad Wy	600.00	
Jas. Meghan, pavg Greenwich St. from Hamersly to Christor	300.00	
Ch. Mooney—pavg Broad Wy. from Pearl to Leonard St..	300.00	
Jno. Sloan, regg Bleecker St	200.00	
Jno. Culbert, pavg White St. from Broad Wy to Elm St...	200.00	
Abr. Stagg—pavg Orange St	43.83	
Isc Halsey, regg Rivington S	176.10	
Hugh Smith, pavg Orange S. from Bayard to Pump S	100.00	
H. Smith, repg Intersections	11.47	
Jno. Anderson, 3d ins. Bulkhead Fulton St. N. River	1300.04	
Is. Haviland, Hose & Reprs Engines, 1 Aug. to. 23 Dec. 1817.	877.79	
B. Cruger, land—road *Horreshook* [Horns Hook]	2021.78	
L. S. Burling—redemp. Blls Cred	2000.00	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Repairs	800.00	
Rich. Furman—Sup. Alms H	2500.00	=13,181.01
	Balance	$=8,635.67

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock.

[252] In Common Council January 26. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	W. F. Van Amringe
Anth. L. Underhill	John Remmey
Eldad Holmes	Samuel Akerly
Thomas R. Smith	Jacob B. Taylor
Robert McQueen	Stephen Allen
Geo. Buckmaster	
Arthur Burtis	
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Thomas P. Conrey for the appointment of Inspector

of Wood from Wood yards on East River, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of William Cutting in behalf of the Lessees of Brooklyn Ferry, [253] praying that a Lot at Brooklyn may be leased them for purposes of said Ferry, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A further petition of John R. Livingston, praying a discontinuance of suit against him, was referred to the Street Committee and City Inspector.

A Petition of Thomas Johnson, stating that some Fowls which he had sent to Market for sale had been seized under charge of their having been blown, and his Agent had been fined Ten Dollars which had been paid to the Attorney of the Board—that he denied the fact of their being blown and requested the money might be returned to him or he might have a trial—was read—whereupon it was ordered that the Attorney be authorised to join issue with the Petitioner and cause the same to be tried.

A Petition of Jonathan Solomon, stating that he had been called up- [254] on for payment of a Tax which he alleges he has already paid to John ONeale late Collector of 6th Ward—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Superintendant of Repairs presented a Statement of the Expences of the Pump and Blacksmith Establishment under his direction, and exhibiting the savings in Expence from the former mode of performing that work, which was read and referred to the Committee of Repairs.

A memorial of certain Inhabitants of Kings County to the Legislature, remonstrating against the Repeal of the Proviso of the 5th Section of the Act entitled "An Act to prevent the fishing in Hudson River &c." passed 11th April 1815,was laid before the Board with a request that they would add their sanction to said Remonstrance—which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[255] A Petition from Samuel Piersey for a Stall in Catharine Market, and a Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants residing near Old Slip against erecting a Market at the Old Slip, were read and both referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Clark praying there may be leased to him a Water Lot at Brooklyn lying East of the Steam Boat Ferry for the purpose of erecting thereon a Steam Grist Mill, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee and Comptroller.

An Application of the Orphan Asylum, requesting that the Superintendant of the Alms House might be permitted to put out to Board the children of the Asylum under 18 months of age, was read and referred to the Committee on the Alms House.

A Petition of Frederick Traver to be released from payment of an Assessment for Canal Street laid upon [256] Lots Nos. 1090 and 1091 Bayard's Farm, the lease of which Lots were purchased by him from the Corporation in June 1812 on Sales by them on Assessment for regulating Mulberry Street at the intersection of Spring Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Brown for release from a Judgment recovered against him (for which he is emprisoned) for selling liquor without License, was read and granted on payment of costs.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants praying that when the Lot in Whitehall Street opposite Stone Street reserved for an Engine Lot is disposed of it may be sold under the express stipulation that it be occupied by a Building so as to fill up the Vacancy, as in its present situation it is a great Nuisance to the Neighbourhood—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[257] A Statement was received from Samuel Parsons, that in the Deed from the Corporation to him for the Lot at the corner of Fulton and Cliff Streets a material mistake has occurred in the Boundaries as expressed in the Deed, and requesting the same may be amended—which was directed to be referred to the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel.

A Petition was received from Samuel Ratcliff, stating that he is Owner of a Lot at the Corner of Charlton and Hudson Streets, and that he has been assessed for opening Hudson Street from Charlton to Christopher Street the sum of $183.10 cents an amount very far above his proportion of the expence of the same, and praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of the Hand Cartmen of the City, praying the Law relative to Porters may be so amended as that Hand Cartmen may be also permitted [258] to use Hand barrows, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of John Jacob Astor and John R. Murray, stating that they had received an Ordinance for filling in Lots at the Corner of Laight and Greenwich Streets, and not having complied with the same a Prosecution has been commenced against them, and praying the Suits against them may be discontinued and time given them until

Spring to complete the same, was read and referred to the Street Committee and City Inspector.

A Petition from Owners of Hackney Carriages, that the Hack Stands may be abolished, and a Petition from sundry Inhabitants to the same effect—were read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, praying that the 10th Avenue may be opened from its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road near 143d Street [259] to its intersection with the Kings Bridge Road near the House of Mr. Jumel, was read and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the Inhabitants near Corlaers Hook, praying that Water Street may be paved from the Point of Corlaers Hook to its junction with Jefferson Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies—) to wit

"Fire Engine Company, No. 34."

Hiram Worden, Dyer, Gilbert St. 8 Ward, vice Bela Bacon, refused to serve

A. W. Hutchinson, Mercht. Greenwich L. 9 Wd vice James Angevine, Resign'd.

Pet. Westervelt, Carptr, Commerce St. 8th Ward vice Peter Depew, Christoph. St. 8th W who has resigned.

Chs. Cromwell, Dyer, Gilbert St. 8th Ward vice William Cahoone, App. F. Warden

[260] The Counsel stated that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate for opening Bancker Street had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, and he recommended that a Collector be appointed—whereupon Morris D Camp was appointed Collector.

He also presented for approbation and confirmation of the Board a Deed from Gurden S. Mumford for ground now to be occupied as an Alley called Courtland Alley, and a Lease in Perpetuity from the Corporation to said Gurden S. Mumford for the ground formerly occupied as Courtland Alley—which was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Division Street near Arundel Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for Repairing the Sewer at Peck Slip—[261] which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented, agreeably to Order, a Profile of Harman Street so as to be laid before the Commissioners of Estimate, which was confirmed.

The Committee on the proposal of Jacob Smith Junior respecting a Machine for throwing down Chimnies, reported:—

"That they have examined the machine, and are of opinion that it will answer a good purpose, and as the expence will be very trifling, they have directed the Superintendant of Repairs to provide one."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Robert M^cQueen
" A. L. Underhill
" Thomas Franklin

which Report was approved.

The Road Committee presented the Draught of a Contract proposed to be entered into with John Randel Junior [262] for making a Map of the Island of New York, which was directed to be referred to Mr. Stevens: Aldermen Brackett: Smith.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances:—to wit

Heirs of Estate of Mr. Ready, Deceased, Dan. M^cCormick	Agt.	87	Orange St.	Lot.
M. Stillwell	Lessee	Pike c. Bancker		Privy
R. Burnside	Occ.			
W. Treadwell	Lessee			
Dr. S. Woodruff, Mrs. Hathaway, Miss Sutton and Mr. Dixon,	Occupants.	65	Church St.	do.
J. Emmons	Own.	39	Mott St	do
S. Dobbs	Occ.			
Geo. Warner	Own.	43	do.	do
Reid & Anderson	Occ.			
W^m Werts	Own. & Occ.	60	do.	do
Jno. Campbell	do. do.	69	do.	do
E. Lane	Own.	71	do.	do
J. Duffee	Occ.			
Jno. Giles	Own. & Occ.	78	do.	do
[263] Reid & Anderson,	Own.	75	do.	do
J. Ackerman	Occ.			

Thos. B. Barker,	Own. & Occ.	84	Mott St.	Privy
C. Van Houtenstrop,	do. do.	94	do.	do.
Jas. Downey P. Rice	Own. Occ.	100	do.	do
P. Ackerman,	Own. & Occ.	108	do	do
M. Vermilya J. Hill	Own. Occ.	111	do	do
C. Rennouf,	Lessee & Occ.	129	do.	do
P. Gillespie R. Anderson	Own. Occ.	130	do.	do
E. Gallagher,	Lessee & Occ.	135	do	do
Mrs. Lumbre	do. do.	136	do	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspect.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Report of the Special Committee, on the subject of establishing a Slip at the foot of Roosevelt Street and at Oliver Street, was called up—The reading of the Reports being called for, the Report of the Committee of Wharves, Street Commissioner & Comptroller (dated Dec. 8) was as follows:—

"That they have made the [264] necessary enquiry, examined the premises and find that the accommodations for Market and other Boats at the new or James Slip is very limited and deficient of room for the safety and convenience of Market and other boats that ply there.

"It does appear to your Committee that the water applied for the enlargement of the aforesaid Slip will be a very desirable improvement for the purposes petitioned for, and likewise so central for the convenience of all the North and Easterly part of our Citizens.

"It seems as if nature had pointed out this spot for a Slip where Vessels can lie with so much safety at all seasons of the year owing to an eddy always making at that place.

Your Committee believe if the Water petitioned for should be taken for the purposes therein mentioned, it will not cost the Corporation Six thousand dollars at present and probably not more for some years to come

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes
" Jno. M^cComb, St. Com

(Special Com. Report over leaf.)

[265] The Report of the Special Committee was, as follows:—

"That they have taken the subject into consideration, and given it all the deliberation which a very important question of public and relative utility seemed to require: and one of the first circumstances that occurred to them was the necessity of having more water reserved for public Slips. This your Committee understand has been often recommended, and they deem it sufficiently important to be kept constantly in view. The comparative amount of revenue to be derived from such slips, when brought into view with the Water grants as usually made, Your Committee consider as belonging to the Comptroller. They however entertain no doubt that a respectable portion of revenue, equal to a due rate of interest, may be drawn from Slippage, and that the rates now paid would bear enhancing, without prejudice to the public interest.

"Your Committee therefore have found it their duty to recommend [266] that both the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt and James Slip, and those at the foot of Oliver Street should be reserved for public purposes; and that neither of those situations should be suffered to become exclusively private property or be appropriated to private use.

"Your Committee, however, are of opinion that the greatest public convenience would result from taking the waters first mentioned (and reported on by the respectable Committee before noticed,) for public use. Some local advantages, coupled with the consideration of a much smaller immediate expence, point to this preference of the waters between Roosevelt and New Slip. These advantages may be readily understood by a view of a Map of the two places, herewith exhibited.

"Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James Slip be now taken and occupied as a public Slip, and that those at [267] the foot of Oliver Street be reserved for public use, and be occupied for public purposes, whenever public convenience may require such occupation.

"Your Committee cannot conclude, without expressing their regret that the Report of a previous Committee should have been referred to them. A Copy would have furnished all the information, (if information was necessary after so recent a discussion), and,

viewing the course as unparliamentary, they earnestly hope it will not be drawn into precedent."

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett
" Arthur Burtis
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Jno. B. Coles,

The Remonstrances against the establishing the Slip at the foot of Roosevelt Street were also read. Mr. Allen then moved that from the Report the words "between the foot of Roosevelt Street." be stricken out, and instead thereof to insert "at the foot of Oliver Street including so much [268] on each side of said Street as will be sufficient to make a Slip of One Hundred and ten feet in width clear of the piers." A motion was made that the consideration be postponed, until the 1st of June.

The question being taken thereon, and a Division called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the Negative as follows:—

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Coles Brackett Underhill Holmes Burtis Thorp Munson Mr Stevens Van Amringe Taylor Remmey

Affirmative. Aldermen Buckmaster McQueen Mr. Akerly Smith.

Mr. Stevens then presented the following resolution as an Amendment:

"Resolved that the Attorney enquire and report to the Board the legal mode pointed out by the [269] Statute to take Slips and that he examine the grants given by this Board to the Owners of Property lying between James' Slip and Minturn and Champlins Wharf and that he report the different interests, whether they be in Water grants, Bulkheads, Wharves or Piers which will be valued in taking the Slip between the above points." The question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative. Alderman Smith then presented the following Resolution:—

"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Attorney be directed to report at the next meeting what will be the expence, as near as it can be ascertained, of establishing a Slip at Roosevelt Street to James' Slip, and also the expence of establishing a Slip, at the foot of Oliver Street 110 feet in the clear from Pier to Pier." The question being taken thereon it passed in the negative. The question was then taken on the first Amendment proposed by Mr. Allen and it passed in the Negative.

[270] An Amendment was then proposed by Mr. Allen to limit the expenditure on the part of the Corporation to the Sum of $8000.

An Amendment of similar import, directing the Committee on that subject to make Arrangements with the proprietors and for that amount, was proposed by Mr. Akerly—both of which were withdrawn to give way to the following Resolution proposed by Mr. Stevens:—

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be authorized to treat with the Owners of property lying between James' Slip and Minturn & Champlin's Wharf, including half the wharf on each side, and that they bargain for the same, provided they can obtain the said property or the Major part thereof at or after the rate of $8000 for the whole." The question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative.

The Committee on the Petition for widening Dover Street presented a [271] Report, which was read and laid for consideration,

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 19 ins	$8,635.67	
Deduct Amt carrd to Sinking Fund 25 p Ct. on property sold	3,208.75	
	5,426.92	
Recd for Rents	2,895.53	
" " Excise	200.00	
" " Mayoralty Fees	133.25	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.00	
" " Tax 1817. 8 & 9 Wds	2000.00	
" " Canal Street	2000.00	
" " Streets	3412.47	16,568.17

24 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1 dis	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd, do 2 do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, do 3 do	413.00
J. McComb, St. Commissioner, 1 Quarter's Salary, 12 inst.	500.00
Ogden Edwards, drawg Convey. and services at Washington	262.61
Jac. Morton, Sundry small expences pd from 11 June	118.00
[272] Mercantile Advertiser—6 months to 1 inst	75.00
Th. R. Smith—Exp. himself & O. Edwards, to Washington & back, for claims on U. S	239.50
J. McComb, Commissioners' & Attorny's fees, Lombardy St.	838.47
J. McComb, Commissioners' & Attorny's fees, Maiden Lane.	808.94
Uz. W. Freeman, Surveys and Maps for Street Commissioner 8 June to 12 inst	331.94
Thos. Scott, pavg Orange St. from Pump to Hester St	150.00
Jno. Culbert, to account for paving White Street	100.00
Thomas Scott, on account for paving State Street	100.00
Jno. Parsons, 1st Instalt Well, Bowery near Jones S	93.06
Thos. Ridgway, digging Well in Amos Street	57.10
Benj. Hill & Reub. Ayres, filling basin Dey Street	500.00

Th. Barnum, Superintendg Wharves & Piers 24 days.....	48.00	
[273] Robert Provoost, glazing Lamps for December.....	79.40	
William H. Burn, for Redeeming Bills Credit 23 Jan. to 15 Nov. 1817	552.54	
B. O Blenis, Balce Police Off. 31 December 1817.....	143.77	
Simon & R. Remsen 1 year's int. on bonds, 15th inst.....	369.86	
Jac. P. Roome, Superintend. of Repairs, to pay workmen &c. for repairs.....	1100.00	
Rich. Furman, Superintend. of the Alms House.....	2000.00	10,681.94
	Balance	$5.886.23

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock.

[274] In Common Council:—February 2. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, Presidt
Richard Riker Esquire, Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Thos. R. Smith	John Remmey
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp	Effing. Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a Pump in Bleecker Street near Laurens Street was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Abraham Storms was received, stating that he had [275] built by Contract for the Corporation a Bulkhead at Crane Wharf—that shortly after it slipped out into deeper water and thereby occasioned him an additional expence of more than Six hundred dollars—and praying relief—whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves and Street Commissioner.

A further Petition of Robert Latimer, stating that by his Contract for working the 8th Avenue he has suffered great losses, and tho' he considered himself entitled to a larger Sum from the Corporation, yet will be content to receive the sum of Two thousand dollars in full of the work performed—whereupon, resolved that it be referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of the American Academy of the Fine Arts for further time for payment of their proportion of the expence incurred in repairs to the New York Institution—was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

[276] A Petition from the French Benevolent Society for pecuniary aid was read and directed to be laid on the Table.

A further petition of Thomas P. Conrey, for appointment of Inspector of Wood, and a petition from Caleb Sutton for appointment of Measurer of Grain—were read and referred to the Committee of Applications.

A Petition of John Jenkins, Author of a Treatise on Penmanship, praying the aid and sanction of the Corporation to carry his plan into operation, was read and referred to the Committee of Arts and Sciences.

A further Application of Richard Varick, complaining of the encroachments on his property by the digging out of Bleecker Street, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, stating that great advantages would [277] result to the Community from an appointment of an Inspector of Cut-Stone Work and of Laths, and recommending an application to the Legislature for authority to appoint such officers—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of James Gardner, Butcher, to be permitted to continue to sell Meat at No. 94 Hester Street—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Thomas and William Benton, stating that they were Owners of a Lot fronting on Wall Street and adjoining a Lot on the corner of Nassau and Wall Streets claimed by the Corporation, and praying that the Corporation will sell to them the said corner lot was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner stated that the sum of Seven hundred dollars was awarded to Catharine Duryee, as guardian of her infant children Mary and [278] John Kip, for ground taken to widen Bridge Street and for which a Warrant had issued, and he was directed to deliver the same on being satisfied of her authority to receive it—and he submitted an opinion of Silvanus Miller Surrogate of the City and County on the subject—whereupon the same was referred to the Attorney of the Board for his opinion.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Amos Street near Hudson Street, and for one in the Bowery near Great

Jones' Street, which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp appointed Collector of the former and N. Jarvis of the latter.

The Attorney, in behalf of the Counsel, presented a Deed to Samuel Parsons. for a Lot at the corner of Fulton and Cliff Streets, in which the mistake in the Boundaries of the former Deed was corrected—Whereupon it was resolved, that the former Deed be delivered to the Clerk to be cancelled and that [279] thereupon the Deed now presented be duly executed.

The Comptroller presented a Communication on the subject of a letter he had received from the Clerk of Kings County, stating that the Board of Supervisors of said County had agreed to present a Memorial to the Legislature to repeal the "Act the more effectually to ascertain and determine the true value of Real Estates within this State" passed 15th April 1817 in as far as the Aggregate valuation of Real Estates as lately made out and corrected under the authority of the United States is made the valuation of this State—Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

Two Remonstrances against the Law respecting Swine, and praying the same may be repealed, were read. Mr. Stevens moved that they be referred to the Committee to whom the former Remonstrance was referred. The question being taken thereon, it passed [280] in the Negative. Mr. Taylor then moved that the Law be repealed. The question being taken thereon, and a Division having been called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:—

Affirmative. Aldermen Holmes M^cQueen Buckmaster Thorp Munson Mr. Remmey Akerly Taylor Schieffelin 9

Negative. Aldermen. Coles Underhill Smith Messieurs Stevens Kip Van Amringe Allen 7

whereupon, Resolved, that the Law respecting Swine, passed on the day of , be, and the same is hereby repealed. Mr. Akerly presented an Amendment to the Law, which was laid on the Table.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 6th Ward, on the Petition of F. Hammelin, Reported, that in their opinion leave should be given to petitioner to [281] withdraw his Petition—which Report was approved.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to an Order to have the Elevation of the Hudson and East Rivers taken at Canal Street and Roosevelt Street Slip, for the purpose of ascertaining the difference of Level at those points at certain times of the tide, submitted a Report of the Surveyors, which was as follows:—

"That after levelling across the City from the said points and reexamining and testing the said levels at several different times with all possible care and accuracy, we are satisfied that we are warranted in saying that on the 27th day of June inst. (the day being calm but somewhat cloudy,) at 8 o'clock A. M. the surface of the water in the said Rivers was level, and that at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes the East River was 2 inches the highest—

At 9 o'clock 1¾ inches the highest.
" 9½ " 8¼ " do
" 10 " 1¾ " do.
" 10½ " 2 " do.

[282] At 11 o'clock 2¾ inches the highest.
" 11½ " 2¾ " do.
" 12 " 2¾ " do.
" 12½ " 2¾ " do.
" 1 (low water) 1¾ " do.
" 1½ o'clock 1½ " do.
" 2 " 0½ " do.
" 2½ " 0¼ " do.
" 3 " 0½ " the lowest.
" 3½ " 1½ " do.
" 4 " 2 " do.
" 4½ " 1¾ " do.
" 5 " both rivers on a level.
" 5½, East R. 2 inches the lowest.
" 6 " 1¼ " do.
" 6½ both on a level.
" 7 East R. 1 inch the highest.
" 7½ (high water) 3 " do.
" 8 o'clock 3 " do.

It appears from the above observations that the surface of the two Rivers is nearly on a level at all times of tide, except some sudden influx of the Current may give one a small but momentary elevation above the other."

Steph. Ludlum
Uzal Freeman
Edwd Doughty.

[283] "N. B. The examination, as relates to the different times of the tide, was made by S. Ludlum on the East and by E. Doughty on the North River."

"At one o'clock the Current in the East River about two thirds over toward the Brooklyn Side ceased to run down, and at a quarter past one the flood commenced, that is the Current began to set up, but the Current on the New York Side about one third across continued to run down until twenty minutes past two, and at half past two the flood commenced and the current began to set up—at which time the surface of the River had risen eleven and an half inches."

(sign'd) Stephen Ludlum.
City Surveyor.

"N. B. In the above observations, attention was only paid to the general Current of the River, and not to the Inshore eddies."

whereupon, the above Report was directed to be filed.

[284] The Comptroller reported the following Proposition:—

"That the following Property belonging to the Corporation should be disposed of at Public Auction on Friday the 20th instant, under the direction of the Committee of Finance:

29 Lots of Ground fronting on Anthony, Leonard and Collect Streets.

6 Cellars under Catharine Market, for 3 years from the 1st May next.

The Upper part of the Watch House in Eldridge (late 3d) Street for 3 years from 1st May next.

The Upper part of the Watch House in Spring Street for One year from 1st May next.

The Ferry at Manhattanville for 1 year.

It is also recommended, that sealed proposals should be advertised for, and received till the 16th inst. for the Street Manure of the City, for One year from 1st May next."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

The Finance Committee also on the subject of the disposal of the Collect Lots, re- [285] ferred to them on the 19th January, Reported:

"That by an examination of the Map of this ground, there appears to be in the possession of the Corporation, twenty eight Lots and a small gore as follows:

Nine Lots on Westerly side of Collect Street between Anthony & Leonard Streets.

Twelve Lots on Easterly side of Collect Street between Anthony and Leonard Streets.

Seven Lots on Easterly Side of Collect Street between Leonard and Franklin Streets.

One Gore on Westerly Side of Leonard between Collect and Orange Streets.

Some of this ground was once reserved with a view to a public Market: but this building having lately been located in the neighbourhood, it does not appear that any part thereof will be required for public purposes, and at present it lies entirely unproductive. It is therefore respectfully recommended that the aforesaid Lots and Gore be sold at Auction on the 20th instant, under the di- [286] rection of the Finance Committee and Comptroller."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen

On the question of agreeing to the Sale of said Lots, a Division having been called by Alderman Coles, it passed in the affirmative by a vote of all the Members excepting Mr. Stevens who was excused from voting and Alderman Coles who voted in the Negative. It was then Resolved, that the subject of the Lease of the Street Manure for the ensuing year, mentioned in the Comptroller's Report be referred to the Committee on Streets, and that the Remainder of said report be carried into effect under the direction of the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of 15 Nuisances—to wit—

Jno. McQueen J. Calihan	Exec Own. Occ.	13	Mott St	Privy
D. Guion	Own. & Occ.	81	Mulberry S.	do
[287] Rob. McDermut R. Kingsland	Own. Occ.	162	Greenwich S.	do
W. Blakely J. Crary	Own. Occ.	164	do.	do.
A. Bolen D. Hoyd	Own. Occ.	83	Mulberry	do
E. Smith E. Boyd	Own. Occ.	93	do.	do.
Sl Jones Jr C. Treadwell	Own Occ.	103	do	do.
Ds Boyle	Own. & Occ.	113	do.	do.
E. Scholly	do. do.	114	do.	do.

M. McCracken	Own. & Occ.	115	Mulberry	Privy
Jno. Wood	Own.	116	do.	do.
P. Jolley	Occ.			
G. Tappen	Own.	123	do.	do.
A. *Tricker* [Tucker]	Occ.			
G. Tappen	Own.	125	do.	do.
J. McKensie	Occ.			
G. S. Mumford	Own.	135	do.	do.
E. Brown	Occ.			
Jos. Carter	Own.	136	do.	do.
do	Occ.			

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

[288] The following Appointments of Firemen and Fire Wardens were made, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 4."

David Redfield, Taylor, 12 Old Slip, 1st Ward an additional Member.

"Fire Engine Company No. 7."

Rob. Theall—Morocco Dr—66 Bayard S. 6th Ward, vice Willet Coles, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 18."

Ed. Banker, Accountt, 34 Vandewater S. 4th Wd vice Sam. Guilford Jr. Sick.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 32."

Adam Hertell Jr. Butcher—North St. 10 Ward, vice Fred. Hinegar, Resigned.

Sam. L. Lord, Carpenter, Mott St. 8 Ward, vice Abij. Pearsall, Resigned.

"Fire Wardens of the 7th Ward."

Jno. Buckmaster, Boat Br Cherry St. 7 Ward, vice William Ball, Resigned.

Wm Burk, Block Maker, 22 Harman S. 7 Ward, vice Mich. M. Titus, Resigned.

The Special Committee; to whom was referred the Contracts drawn by the Counsel of the Board to be executed by the Corporation and John Randel Junior—[289] Reported:

"That the said Contracts relate to the subject of an additional Map of the Island of New York, to delineate the Monuments, Avenues, Streets, Buildings, Boundary lines of property, Creeks and the face of the Country generally.

"Your Committee have examined the Minutes of the Board, as far back as November 1812, and find that the Board, on the seventh of the same month, agreed to and adopted a Report of the then Committee of Surveys, which Report, and a Resolution contained therein, authorized the said Committee to agree with John Randel Junior for a Map of the Description abovementioned.

"Your Committee have not learnt that any written Contract or Agreement was ever entered into on this subject: but the Board, by accepting the said Report, authorised the said Committee to give Mr. Randel five dollars per day, while he should be employed in this Work, provided the whole expence [290] should not exceed Four thousand dollars. And your Committee are satisfied from the Documents which they have examined, and from the information which they have obtained from the then Committee of Surveys, that they did actually agree with Mr. Randel for the work in question, and to pay him for the same the sum of Thirty three hundred dollars, and that, in conformity with said agreement, Mr. Randel has considerably progressed in the work.

"Your Committee, under these circumstances, therefore, recommend that the Board execute the said Contract.

"They farther take the liberty to add that the mode of authorising Committees to enter into Contracts of such magnitude is attended with much inconvenience, as such Contracts, when occasion requires to refer to them afterwards, are never to be found, and probably often, as in this case, never properly entered into."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" J. Warren Brackett
" Th. R. Smith

[291] which Report was approved, and the Contract directed to be duly executed.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the Petition of the Hand Cartmen, Reported:—That they

"see no difficulty in complying with the prayer thereof: provided it is not construed to include Wheel Barrows—They therefore would

recommend that the Petitioners be allowed to use Hand Barrows—which would seem to be the object they have in view."

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved, and the Attorney was directed to report an Amendment to the Law agreeably thereto.

The Alms House Committee, on the petition of Elizabeth Hamilton to give the Superintendant of the Alms House permission to board out Orphan Children of the age of Two years and under, Reported: That they

"have had the subject under [292] their consideration, together with the advice of all the Commissioners of the Alms House (save one) and beg leave to report, that they all concur in the opinion that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the Petitioner."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved.

The Committee, on the petition of sundry Inhabitants of Kings' County, relating to the Shad Fishery in Hudson River, reported:

"That the obstructions by poles and Gill nets are very injurious to the Shad Fishery, and should not be allowed, independent of the obstructions to navigation.

"Your Committee are also of opinion that the shad-fishery is of considerable importance to the city of New York, as in the months of April and May when shad are in plenty butchers' meat and other provisions are dear, and that in order to preserve [293] the annual supply of shad, no obstructions should be permitted in the river that would tend to prevent the return of those fish to their usual haunts. It is well known that shad are migratory fish and that they visit annually the same rivers to cast their spawn and return with their young to the depths of the ocean or other places of retreat and safety. The numbers that frequent our Bay and the Hudson River are already much less than in former years and it is feared that if additional obstructions are suffered to be placed in the River, the Run of shad in a few years will be entirely destroyed. Wherefore the Committee concur in opinion with the Inhabitants of Kings' County that the Law "to protect the fishery in Hudson River and to prevent obstructions in the navigation thereof" should not be repealed."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson.
" Samuel Akerly.

which Report was approved, and the Clerk was authorised to give to the Petitioners a certified Copy thereof.

[294] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for paving Water Street, Reported: That they

"recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted—and that an Ordinance be passed for regulating and paving Water Street, from the south side of Clinton Street to Corlears Street:—and that Water Street between Rutgers' Slip and Clinton Street be opened and regulated, as soon as Colonel Rutgers shall have filled up the Street—which work is now progressing."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" Leonard Kip
" Jno. M^cComb
Street Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The Special Committee, on the Petition of the Managers of the House of Industry, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

[295] The Finance Committee, on the Case of Beekman M. Van Beuren and the application of the Heirs of Thomas Gardner, Reported, as follows:—

"It appears that Mr. Van Beuren, in the year while Commissioner of Excise and Receiver of Tavern Licenses, became a delinquent to the Corporation for about nine hundred dollars; of which sum Four hundred and seventy dollars were secured to them by Colonel Jasper Ward.

"That, with a view to satisfy the Board and relieve himself from his liability, Colonel Ward caused to be conveyed to them by Mr. Van Beuren two certain Lots of ground situated, one on the corner of Prince and Wooster Streets, the other in Mercer Street, which lots have been examined by a Committee of the Board and have been estimated at Two thousand dollars—on these Lots are Two Mortgages—one to Thomas Gardner for Five hundred dollars; the other also to the said Thomas Gardner for Two hundred and fifty dollars.

[296] "As the Committee are of opinion that there is no better method to settle this debt due by Mr. Van Beuren than to accept these lots in payment, and believing the property sufficient for the purpose, they recommend that measure—and that Mr. Van Beuren and Colonel Jasper Ward be discharged from the suit now pending, on payment of all costs

"And they farther recommend that the Comptroller report a Warrant at the next meeting for the amount of said Gardner's Mortgages with the Interest due thereon."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly
Finance Comm.

which Report was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant agreeably to said Report of the Committee.

[297] The Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney, on the petition of William Scott, reported:

"That the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable and, in their opinion, ought to be granted: they therefore recommend that Mr. T. W. Gilbert, the Collector of arrears of Taxes be directed by the Comptroller to close the account for taxes against Mr. Scott for the year 1813."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" G. N. Bleecker Comp.
" Alph. Sherman

which Report was approved.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Chrystie Street, Reported:

"That they have measured the same (house) and find it to stand thirty one Inches in the Street; it being a small house and of very little value, recommend that the Street Com- [298] missioner be, and he is hereby directed to take measures to have it removed by the first day of May next."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" John Mc Comb Street Comr

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee &c. on the Petition of Charles Wilkes, Reported:

"That they have considered the same, and are of opinion that the memorialist is entitled to relief—They therefore recommend that

the Comptroller instruct the Collector of the 9th Ward, on being shown Mr. Wilkes's Receipt for personal tax for the year 1817 paid in the 3d Ward, to decline collecting the personal tax assessed to him in the 9th Ward in the same year; noting in the margin of his Tax Book the reason therefor."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" G. N. Bleecker, Comp.
" Alpheus Sherman. Att.

[299] which Report (on page 298) was approved.

The Finance Committee, Comptroller and Attorney, on the Petition of Charles McCarthy, Reported:

"That they have duly considered the same, and are of opinion that the petitioner is justly entitled to relief.

"The principle therein set forth appears to them just and equitable and such as this Board will always be governed by: which is—that the owner of property and not the lessee shou'd pay all assessments for improvements, excepting so much as the latter may be benefitted thereby: notwithstanding any general provision in the lease which might be construed otherwise.

"It is therefore proposed, that the Collector of the Franklin Square Assessment be instructed to receive from the said Charles McCarthy Thirty dollars instead of sixty three, in full satisfaction for his Assessment for said [300] Square: which sum will be about the Commutation of interest on the full Assessment

"And also that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for improvement of Roosevelt Street be requested to assess to C. McArthy only so much as they may deem him benefitted thereby, he being a Lessee for an unexpired term of years, and the residue to the Corporation."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Alph. Sherman, Att.
" G. N. Bleecker Compt.

which Report was approved.

The Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer, to whom was referred the Petition of William Harriman—reported—that the complaint was malicious, and recommended that the suit be

withdrawn without any costs—which Report of said Committee was approved.

[301] The Market Committee, on the Petition of Nicholas Steel and Matthias Smith for Stalls No. 2 and No. 3 in Fly Market reported in favor of Petitioners, and that Licenses should be given them accordingly—which Report was approved.

The same Committee, on the petition of Jacob Pessinger, reported, that Stall No. 41 Catharine Market be assigned to him—which was approved.

The same Committee, on the petition of Caleb Conklin, reported, that Stall No. 22 Fly Market be assign'd to him—which was approved.

The same Committee, on the petition of John J. Fink and Abraham Vermilyea, reported that the prayer of the petition of John J. Fink be granted, and that he have leave to occupy Stall No. 1 in Washington Market, and that he have License therefor—which was approved.

[302] The same Committee, on the petition of John Akley, reported that Stall No. 35 Catharine Market be assigned to him, and that he have License therefor—which was approved.

The same Committee, on the Petition of Jeremiah Tier for Stall No. 20 in Catharine Market reported in his favor, and that he have License therefor—which was approved.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 9th Ward, on Petition of Cyrenus Bartholf, reported that the prayer of Petitioner be granted on his payment of costs—which was approved.

The Committee, on the Petition of Robert Latimer for Remission of Fine, reported that the same be remitted on his payment of costs—which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Frederick Traver for relief on assessment, reported:

"That the facts therein set [303] forth are correct—and, as the lots were sold to the Petitioner by the Corporation without any reference to this Tax for a term of years in order to pay other assessments, it would be unjust to compel him to pay this tax which was a lien on the property in the year 1810, and of which he was entirely ignorant.

"It is therefore recommended that the Collector of the Canal Street Assessment be directed by the Comptroller to desist from demanding this Tax from the present Lessee; but that the sum of

Twenty five dollars sixty one cents be considered as a lien on the Lot, to be collected after the expiration of the present lease."

(sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly

which Report of the Committee of Finance was approved.

[304] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Campbell, relative to the Canal Street Assessment, reported, " that on examining the case, they find Mr. Campbell's claim to rest on the same basis as that of Frederick Traver, and therefore recommend to the Board that relief be granted him in the same manner=the amount is Sixteen Dollars."

(sign'd) The whole Committee.
[as on page 303.]

which Report was approved.

The Same Committee, on the subject of the disposal of the Lot in White Hall Street, Reported:

" That they have bestowed considerable attention on the subject, and have weighed well the intention of the Board, when the Bridge-Street and other adjacent public property was sold, of erecting an Engine house on the Lot, together with the objections made by Mr. John Hone to improving it in any other manner

[305] " and have come to the conclusion of recommending to the Board the erection of a cheap Brick Building Two Stories high, 25 feet by 30 feet, the residue to be left for the yard. The first story to be so constructed, that it may, when wanted, be used for an Engine House, and the Second be finished in a manner similar to the upper part of the Engine house in Beaver Street. The building to be commenced as soon as the weather will permit, and to be finished, if possible, before the 1st day of May.

" And farther that these premises be let or leased at auction for one or more years by the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reub. Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved, and it was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to carry the same into effect.

[306] The Report of the Street Committee and Street Commissioner (dated 26 Jany.) relative to opening Dover Street, was called up, (after the presentation of a Remonstrance by Henry Fanning, Executor of the Estate of F. Devoe Deceased) and appeared as follows:

"That it will be a benefit to that part of the City, if Dover Street was widened, and tend to enhance the value of the property in that Street, as well as to promote the convenience of the trading part of the Community by affording another communication with the River

"And if the Common Council should agree with your Committee that this improvement ought to be carried into effect, they would recommend that the Alteration be made agreeably to a plan accompanying this Report."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John M^cComb St. Com^r

On the question of agreeing to this Report, it was carried in the Affirmative—[307] and the Counsel was directed to take legal measures for effecting the same.

Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution respecting Runaway Slaves confined by their Masters in Bridewell—which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

Mr. Stevens also presented a Resolution on the subject of Expences in Opening Streets—which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution making it the duty of the Clerk of the Common Council, immediately after the induction of a New Board, to apply to the Ex-members for all Corporation Papers in their possession—which was agreed to.

He also presented a Resolution on the subject of Amendments to a Law relative to improvement in laying out of Streets, so as to extend the [308] same to Wharves, Piers, Slips &c—which was read and laid for consideration.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution requesting the Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbour to make their Report of the Funds of the Institution agreeably to Law—which was read and laid on Table.

Ordered—that the Law relative to the appointment of an Inspector of Chimney Sweepers be the Order of the day for the next Meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 26 Jany	$5,886.23	
Received for Mayoralty Fees	89.00	
" " Canal Street	1,000.00	
" " Streets	1,300.00	8275.23

16 Accounts Audited.

Jac. Morton—Clerk Com. Coun. 1 quarter's Salary 1st inst.	312.50	
R. Graves Assist. St. Commis. 1 Quarter's Sal 1 inst.	375.00	
G. Sickels Keepr City Pris. and 2 assist—1 Qr. Sal 1 inst.	350.00	
[309] Astin & Cochran, Messengers. 1 month 1 inst.	60.00	
Wm J. Waldron, Asst Cit. Inspect. 1 month 1 inst.	54.00	
Obadiah Ayres, do do do	54.00	
Sam. Hutchings. St. Inspect. 1 mo 1 inst.	54.00	
Jonath. Weeden do do do	54.00	
Dan. H. Magee, Keep. Potter's F. 1 mo 1 inst.	46.50	
Geo. Snethen, Supdt light. lamps. 1 mo 1 inst.	772.59	
Conrad Jordan, Wk Lamp Posts 1 Qr 1 inst.	33.12	
Jac. Vincent, repair. Broad Wy at the Stone Bridge.	12.88	
Hugh Smith, pavg Orange St.	100.00	
Jno. Sloan, regulg Bleecker St.	200.00	
Chs. Mooney, pavg Orange St.	300.00	
Ogden Edwards, Attornys & Court charges, openg Banker Street	992.04	= 3,770.63
	Balance	$=4,504.60

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue, on Thursday next at 1 o'clock.

[310] Bellevue

In Common Council:—February 5. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
J. Warren Brackett	John Remmey
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Akerly
Thos. R. Smith	Jacob B. Taylor
Robert McQueen	Stephen Allen
Geo. Buckmaster	
Geo. B. Thorp	
Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson	

Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution, referring it to a Committee to enquire and report as to measures which are necessary to extend the practice of Vaccination—which was agreed to and referred to Aldermen Brackett Coles Munson Smith Messieurs Stevens Akerly

[311] Alderman Smith presented a Resolution, instructing the

Market Committee to enquire into the expediency of permitting Waggons and other Carriages from the country to stand at the head of certain Slips in the City, and there dispose of their produce—which was approved.

This being the period of the Quarterly Visitation of the Alms House and Penitentiary Establishments at Bellevue, the Board adjourned and proceeded to visit the Departments connected with the said Establishments.

[312] In Common Council February 9. 1818

Present. Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	W. F. Van Amringe
Anth. L. Underhill	John Remmey
Eldad Holmes	Samuel Akerly
Thos. R. Smith	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Geo. B. Thorp	
Robert McQueen	
Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson	

A further Petition of Maria Williamson, stating that herself and Matthew V. Gibson presented a Memorial to the Corporation praying relief on a Suit commenced against them for breach of Fire Law—that said Memorial was referred to the Committee on Laws, and that said Committee had not yet reported on the same—that they understand it to be a rule of proceeding [313] in the Common Council that on a subject being referred to a Committee all further proceedings are of course stayed until the Report of the Committee thereon, unless a special order to the contrary is made—that no such special order was made in the present case—and that further proceedings have been made by the Attorney of the Corporation—and praying relief. The same being read was referred to the Committee on the former petition, namely the Committee on Laws—and that all proceedings cease until the report of said Committee or further order of the Board.

A Petition of James Amory was received, stating that he is Lessee of two of the Common Land Lots, the term of which is nearly expired—that he is desirous of purchasing the fee of those Lots or will sell the fee simple Lots which he bought near those Lots—and requesting the Common Council to consider the same—which was referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

[314] A further Memorial from Robert Latimer on the subject of the 8th Avenue, consenting to leave it to the Corporation as to the Corporation's Compensation toward him—was read and ordered to be referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from Joseph Board, Elbert Anderson and Henry Heiser, stating that in the grant to them of the Water Lots on the Hudson River, a mistake has in their apprehension been made as to the amount of the Quit Rent reserved in their grants, and praying a Revision of the same—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

A Petition of Hugh McCormick for License as a Hand Cartman—was read and referred to his Honor the Mayor.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg for an advance to him of the amount of his Contract for regulating & paving Mulberry Street and Orange Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[315] A Petition of Hart and Belden was received stating that they have been the Lessees from the Corporation of the Room over the Watch House in Eldridge Street, and have established therein a respectable School—and they wish that instead of renting the same at auction, the Corporation would affix a rent on the same and give them a Lease thereof for some years—whereupon it was ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants residing near the corner of Oak and Pearl Streets complaining of the great assemblage of Boys in the vicinity for the purpose of sliding down the Hill in that Neighbourhood, a practice exceedingly annoying from the noise, hazardous to the Citizens passing and injurious to the Morals of the Boys from the habits of idleness it induces and from the very improper associations there formed—was presented and read. An Ordinance [316] prohibiting the practice was presented by Alderman Brackett, which was read and after some discussion was referred to the Committee on Sunday Laws.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of 16 Nuisances, towit

Hen. G. Disbrow,	Lessee	142	Division St.	Privy
do	Occ.			
E. Covey	Own. & Occ.	10	Elizabeth St.	do
C. Pell	Own.	128	Chatham St.	do
J. Pratt	Occ.			
J. Marshalk	Own. & Occ.	2	Mulberry St.	do
J. Marshalk	Own.	4	do.	do.
Mrs. McGee	Occ.			

G. Englehart M. Englehart	Own. Occ.	6	Mulberry St.	Privy
Mrs. *Oheal.* [O Neal] W^m^ Jones	Own. Occ.	28	do	do
J. Webber M. Winner	Own. Occ.	32	do.	do
Paul Hick	Own. & Occ.	40	do	do
Heirs of Th. Payne.	Own.	44	do	do
S. Pittman Jas. Lush	Own. Occ.	46	do	do
T. Maahan	Own.	60	do.	do
[317] J. Post A. Pell	Own. Occ.	54	do.	do.
A. Morris S. Charlton	Own. Occ.	62	do	do
J. Harvey	Own. & Occ.	64	do	do
Dr. Kline Mrs. Smith	Own. Occ.	66	do	do

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspect.

Which Ordinances were passed.

Mr. Van Amringe moved that the Board proceed to the order of the day, which was agreed to. The Board accordingly took up the consideration of the Law relative to the Sweeping of Chimnies. A proposal from Adolph D. Grove to take on himself upon certain terms the contract to execute the Ordinance was presented and read. The Ordinance was read by paragraphs, and the same having been gone through and various amendments having been made, it was ordered that the same should be engrossed by the Clerk as amended & laid before the Board at their next meeting.

[318] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of John Jacob Astor and John R. Murray, Reported

"That, upon enquiry at the City Inspector's Office, they are of opinion, that no inconvenience will arise from extending the time for filling in said Lots till the 1^st^ June next. They therefore recommend. the extension aforesaid—and farther, that the penalty incurred be remitted upon payment of all Costs."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes.
" John Remmey.
" Jno. M^c^Comb
Street Comm^r^

which. Report was approved.

The following appointments of Firemen and Fire Wardens were made, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:—towit

"Fire Engine Company, No. 1."

Jno. Bush, Bricklayer, 148 Pump St. 1 ward vice Jacob Rich, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 11."

Th. B. Goelet, Account[t] 59 Water St—1 ward—[319] vice William Force, Removed

"Fire Engine Company, No. 21."

Hen. Minugh, Clerk, 97 Gold St. 4 ward—vice James T. Burr, Resigned.

Thos. Thomas, Mechan. 31 Nassau St. 2 ward vice James Pierpoint, Resigned

"Fire Engine Company, No. 27."

Aaron Banta—Shoe M[r], Desbrosses St. 5 ward vice John Schoonmaker, Removed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 39."

Geo. Bartow, Account[t]—73 Gold St—2 ward—vice Sam. W. Franklin, Removed.

Sam. S. Wyckoff, grocer, Vesey c. Washington 3 W[d]—vice John A. Hawes, Removed

Fred. T. Pete, Account[t] 207 B. Way—3 ward—vice Hen. E. Hoyt, Resigned

"Fire Wardens of the 2[d] Ward."

Rob. E. Cornell, Merch[t] 81 Beekman St. 2 ward—vice John Vernon, Resigned.

The Market Committee, on the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants requesting an Ordinance to be passed prohibiting the sale of Crabs, reported as their opinion that the Attorney should be instructed to draft an Ordinance prohibiting the sale of Crabs in the [320] Public Markets from the 15[th] of December to the 1[st] of March in each year—which was approved, and the Attorney directed to report an Ordinance accordingly.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, who were instructed to treat with the proprietors of the property lying between James' Slip and Minturn and Champlin's Wharf for their interest in the Bulkhead &c. &c—presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table—and the subject of said Slip was made the Order of the day for the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Assessments, on the Petition of Samuel Ratcliff, Reported:

"That from the information given your Committee they are satisfied that the Petitioner has been assessed more than his due proportion for regulating said (Hudson) Street: and that the error arose in consequence of the Assessors not having before them a Profile of the premises: [321] —"the Committee therefore recommend that the Assessment for regulating said Street be returned to the Assessors."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" John Remmey
" Samuel Stevens

which was approved, and the Assessment was directed to be referred back to the Assessors for correction

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for opening Oliver Street from Bancker Street to Chatham Square, presented a Report—which was read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Munson, from the Alms' House Committee presented a Report which was read, as follows:

"The Alms House Committee beg leave to lay before the Board a statement of the expences incurred at Bellevue in erecting the new Alms' House, Penitentiary and other buildings, and for improving the ground connected [322] with those establishments; also the amount expended for an additional piece of ground adjoining the original purchase.

"This Statement exhibits the annual amount expended from the commencement of those buildings in 1811 to the completion of the New Alms House in December 1817; and shewing also the specific amount of materials purchased in each year.

"By this statement it will be seen that the New Alms House establishment at Bellevue has cost Four hundred and twenty one thousand One hundred and nine dollars fifty six cents, leaving a balance in favor of the Treasurer of Two thousand Eight hundred and seventy six dollars thirty eight cents."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Geo. B. Thorp

after which was read the Report of the Superintendant of the Alms House, (as on pages 323. 324 and 325.)

[323] "Report of the Treasurer of the Building Committee, shewing the total amount of monies expended for Materials, Labor &c. "in erecting the New Alms' House at Belle Vue and its appendages (including the Penitentiary) and exhibiting the Amount expended "in each year, as also the amount of each specific account, from its commencement in July 1811 to its completion in December 1817, "and also the monies received by the Treasurer in each year during the said time."

Specific Account	1811.	1812.	1813.	1814.	1815.	1816.	1817.	Total Amo[t]
Stone	8,227.02	7,332.10	10,386.01	12,874.26	6,252.47	1,995.28	...	47,067.14
Lime	2,099.66	2,814.41	3,175.52	2,091.41	1,135.61	463.07	...	11,779.68
Brick	732.96	1,707.42	5,671.03	2,538.47	1,208.00	1,423.18	...	13,281.06
Sand	562.76	943.92	544.86	882.52	982.44	539.08	...	4,455.58
Lumber	7,891.93	12,278.36	7,761.74	10,089.51	5,806.96	3,696.12	3,285.76	50,810.38
Labourers	7,706.67	12,901.71	13,000.38	13,890.06	14,663.46	5,625.98	...	67,788.26
Masons	5,331.29	10,675.65	12,858.03	9,823.31	6,498.69	3,289.27	281.23	48,757.47
Stone Cutters	2,893.36	7,864.88	5,109.20	3,659.15	3,133.68	1,202.16	...	23,862.43
Black Smiths	188.94	1,119.90	2,725.20	2,805.47	2,801.14	2,718.89	1,472.88	13,832.42
[324]								
Carpenters	2,922.38	12,154.92	17,309.76	7,977.49	9,510.96	9,351.91	4,344.13	63,571.55
Dock	6,856.00	2,417.07	1,540.00	706.89	...	...	...	11,519.96
Convicts—Provisions	858.65	452.81	...	...	...	...	...	1,311.46
Superin[dt] & Clerk	1,192.50	2,317.50	1,786.00	1,084.00	...	...	...	6,380.00
Hay and Grain	368.88	846.45	554.49	317.95	315.15	165.00	...	2,563.92
Contingencies	1,971.17	518.97	2,222.55	1,785.07	4,567.05	1,131.03	111.10	12,307.74
Ironmongery	...	266.77	3,429.00	7,646.30	2,239.37	3,022.84	3,462.18	20,066.46
Painting & Glazing	...	...	2,108.36	3,647.11	2,160.86	1,567.23	2,145.77	11,629.33
Slate	...	...	2,643.50	...	...	...	...	2,643.50
Workshop (contract)	...	...	1,218.44	...	...	...	...	1,218.44
Hospitals (do)	...	...	990.78	...	...	...	...	990.78
Curb Stone	...	...	...	...	...	315.00	...	315.00
Locks—Penitentiary	...	...	...	...	...	1,911.12	45.88	1,957.00
Real Estate—Lot bo[t] of J. Jones Jr. adjoin[g] orig[l] purch[se]	...	...	...	3,000.00	...	...	...	3,000.00
Total	49,800.17	76,612.84	95,034.05	84,819.77	61,275.84	38,417.16	15,148.93	421,109.56

[325] "Amount of Monies received by the Treasurer in each year.

1811	Comptroller's Warrants this year	$50,791.90
1812	do do	80,900.00
1813	do do	90,000.00
1814	do do	79,000.00
1815	do do	66,000.00
1816	do do	37,000.00
1817	do do	13,000.00
	Cash received at different times for Timber, old Lumber, Fixtures, &c. &c	1,541.28
	Balance due Treasurer	2,876.38
	Total	$421,109.56

(Errors excepted)
(sign'd) RICHARD FURMAN,
Treasurer.

[326] whereupon, the above Reports (see pages 322, 323, 324 and 325) having been read, the Report of the Superintendant of the Alms' House was ordered to be printed under the direction of the Committee.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 2d ins	$4,504.60	
Received for Rents	2,470.06	
" " Common Lands	2,842.89	
" " Tax for 1817	6,300.00	
" " Streets	1,486.97	
" " Canal Street	1,000.00	
" " Wells & Pumps	80.00	=18,684.52

20 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson Watch 1st district	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd. Watch 2d district	682.50
Bleakley & Brower Watch 3d district	413.00
Rich. Furman, Supt Alms Hse Clerk, Surgeon & Physician, 1 Quarter's Salary 1st ins	625.00
[327] Wm Hoghand, Keepr Penitenry & 3 assists 1 Qr. 1 inst.	587.50
Jno. Burger, regg 4 Public Clocks 1 Quarter 1 inst	66.66
Rich. Burchan, Lists passengrs 6 months to 1 November	25.00
Jos. Leonard, lists Coastng ports 6 months 1 instant	25.00
Jesse Dowe, Carriage hire to Bellevue 5th inst	23.00
Peter Hawes & Commissioners expences openg Bancker St.	492.00
Corlis & May, flagng Bd Way	400.00
Jno. Culbert, pavg White St	100.00
do do Oliver St	100.00
Rob. Latimer, regng Hudson St	67.86
do. do Christopher St	65.52

Jno. Parsons, well—Division St.....	80.37	
Jon^{n} Weeden, 3 Coils Rope, Fire Dep.....	241.04	
Jac. P. Roome, Sup^{t} Repairs Engine house, Greenwich.....	50.00	
Jac. P. Roome, for Repairs.....	1450.00	
W. Fish, Treas^{r} to pay 22^{d} Div^{d} City Stock 1 instant.....	12,000.00	18,612.70
Balance		$=71.82

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[328] In Common Council February 16. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Thos. R. Smith	Jacob B. Taylor
Rob. McQueen	Effing. Schieffelin
Geo. Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis	
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Dennis Doyle, stating that the proposed extension of Oliver Street will not improve real property which he owns in said street, and praying that he may pay the interest on the sum that may be assessed on his said property for said improve- [329] ment—was read and laid on the Table.

A Remonstrance of the Master Chimney Sweepers against the proposed Law on the subject, was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of James Spear and of William Lockwood, for appointment as Measurers of Grain, were read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Communication was received from E. B. Gould, stating that there were Grocers in the habit of selling liquor to boys whom he had reported to the Attorney—whereupon, it was ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney.

A further petition of Samuel Piercy, stating that he had been permitted to sell meat in Division Street—that said Permit has been lately taken from him, which has been attended with a serious injury to his family, and [330] praying that the permit may be renewed to

him—was read and referred to the Market Committee, with a request that they would consider and report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition of John Steele, stating that he had prosecuted one Somerner, a Pawnbroker, for taking excessive interest, who was convicted of said offence, and who paid the penalty in such case by the law provided—that by the order of the Corporation the Attorney has the authority to give a portion of such Penalty to the Informer—that Petitioner applied to the Attorney of the Corporation for a part of said Penalty who informed Petitioner he had already paid over the same to the Treasurer of the Corporation—and Petitioner prayed relief from the Board—whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Memorial from the Corporation of Trinity Church, stating that the sum of Seven thousand Six hundred and sixty three dollars ninety nine cents was a- [331] warded to them for ground taken to open Hudson Street into Chamber Street and praying payment of the same—was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of certain persons of Color, to be appointed Lamp Lighters, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Communication of the Visiting Committee of the Humane Society, requesting to be permitted to give to the Members of the Common Council Soup tickets to be distributed in their Wards to the Poor, was read and agreed to.

A Petition from certain Inhabitants, that Franklin Street may be paved between Broad Way and Orange Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Briant, a Measurer of Grain, stating that he understands complaints were made against him as to the discharge of his official duties, and [332] without cause—and a Petition from sundry Masters of Vessels against said Briant praying that he may be removed, were read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from John Minuse, praying that further time may be given for payment of money due from him to the Corporation, and for which he is now presented—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Ludlum for a Stall in Washington Market lately occupied by John L. Fink, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition for paving Greenwich Street from Watts to Spring Street, and Spring Street from Washington to Clark Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from certain Dealers in Lumber, praying that the Corporation would authorize the Inspectors of [333] Lumber to inspect Shingles brought to Market for Sale, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants for establishment of a Slip on the East Side of the Wharf at James' Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A further Petition for a Slip at the foot of Roosevelt Street—was read

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of sundry Nuisances, 33 in number: towit

Henry Rankin A. Bushkirk	Own. Occ.	1	Mulberry St	Privy.
G. Hiltman F. Guiatano	Own. Occ.	21	do	do
G. Lorillard J. McCormick	Own. Occ.	23	do.	do
P. McCartee J. Stanshall	Agt. Occ.	37	do	do
P. McCartee J. Boss	Agt. Occ.	41	do	do.
[334] A. Arden J. J. Hutchenson	Own. Occ	49	do	do
T. Bashford	Own. & Occ.	17	do	do
Mrs. Harned	do. do	63		do
W. Waters,	Lessee & Occ.	17	Augustus St.	do
R. C. Van Houten, P Benson	Own. Occ.	27	do	do
G. Janeway S. Booth	Own. Occ.	31	do	do
J. Smith.	Lessee & Occ.	34	do	do
J. Crolius E. Arrowsmith	Own. Occ.	48	do	do
G. B. Abeel T. McGuire	Own. Occ.	51	do	do
G. B. Abeel A. Bustard	Own Occ.	53	do	do

G. Janeway R. Archibald	Own. Occ.	36	Augustus St.	Privy.
M. Cashman N. OCain	Own. Occ.	19	Cross St.	do
J. Mickle	Own. & Occ.	39	do	do
J. Thompson M. Calvert	Own. Occ.	69	do	do
J. G. Bogert H. Rivers	Own. Occ.	70	do	do
P. Meghan J. Chapman	Own. Occ.	72	do	do
[335] P. Meghan P. Pard	Own. Occ.	74	do	do
P. Meghan R. Richards	Own. Occ.	76	do	do.
T. Waters,	Owner & Occ.	78	do	do
D. Crane Samuel Rooney	Owner Occ.	80	do	do.
J. Moran E. Patterson	Owner Occup.	82	do	do
F. Nowland M. Patterson	Own. Occup.	84	do.	do
E. Waters O. Gillen	Owner Occup.	86	do	do
E. Waters do	Owner Occupant.	88	do	do
P. Maghan P. Marian	Owner Occup.	90	do	do
J. R. Livingston A. Wells	Own. Occupant.	92	do	do
William Lord J. Brown	Owner. Occup.	105	do	do
William Lord, J. Brown	Owner Occup.	107	do	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector

which Ordinances were passed.

[336] A Petition of Elihu S. Bunker, Master of Steam Boat Connecticut, praying that certain Repairs may be made at Beekman Slip being necessary for the safety of said Steam Boat was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

The following appointments of Fire wardens and Firemen were made (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies) to wit—

"Fire Engine Company No. 7."

Robert Dean, Currier, 126 Pump St. 6 ward vice John White, Removed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 13."

Thos. N. Stanford, Mercht—61 Hudson S. vice Evart Duyckinck, Resigned

W. Cunningham, Mercht. 11 Oliver St. 4 ward vice Abr. Franklyn, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 31."

Jas. Johnston, Carpenter, 124 Orange St. 6 ward vice John Gilmen, Delinquent.

"Fire Wardens of 2d Ward."

Latham Stratton, Cooper, 2 Crane Whrf—2 ward vice Robert Wardell, No. 254 Pearl Street, Resigned.

[337] The Attorney, agreeably to Order, presented the draft of a Law entitled "a Law to regulate the Sale of Crabs"—which was passed.

He also, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a Law entitled "A Law to amend the Law to regulate Public Porters in the City of New York"—which was passed.

Alderman Holmes moved that the Board now proceed to the consideration of the order of the day—which was agreed to. The Report of the Committee of Wharves &c. of the 8th of December, and the Report of the Special Committee of the 5th of January, were read. The Report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner of the 9th February was also read, and was as follows:

"That they have called on all the owners and Lessees that they could find—but have not been able to make any agreement with them Three of the proprietors are willing to accede to such terms as the Corpo- [338] ration may deem to be just—the other part of the property is either under lease, or so embarrassed as that the agents are not able to enter into any Arrangements.

"Your Committee would take the liberty at this time to state that the Bulkhead between Roosevelt Street and James Slip has been built upwards of twenty feet beyond the line of their grants—and that the

Water in front is reserved for public uses—no grants having been given therefor"

(sign'd) Jno Mᶜ Comb, St. Com.
" G. N. Bleecker, Comp.

Alderman Smith then presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to take the necessary steps immediately after the Third Monday in May next, to carry the said Report into effect, so far as it relates to the space between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street, provided the same can be legally done."

The question being taken thereon, and a Division called by Alderman Buck- [339] master is passed in the Negative:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Brackett Coles Underhill Holmes McQueen Burtis Thorp Munson. Messieurs Stevens Kip Van Amringe Remmey Taylor 14

Affirmative. Aldermen Smith Buckmaster. Messieurs Schieffelin Allen 4

Alderman Coles then presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved, that the Counsel enquire and report to this Board, whether the Waters, Bulkead and Pier, proposed to be taken for a public Slip between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street by a report lately made to this Board can be legally taken for that purpose without the consent of the owners first had and obtained [340] and if any law or laws exist for taking the same against such consent to report the act or Sections of the Act by which the same may be taken, together with his opinion upon the legal steps to be pursued in case he should be of opinion that it may be legally done."—which was negatived. Mr. Allen then offered an Amendment limiting the amount to be paid for said Improvements to Eight thousand dollars—which was withdrawn.

Alderman Holmes then presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved, that the Waters between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street be taken for a Public Slip, and that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to take the legal and necessary steps to carry the same into effect."

The question being taken thereon, and a Division called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the Affirmative:

"Affirmative" Mr Recorder Aldermen Brackett Underhill [341] Holmes McQueen Burtis Thorp Munson Messieurs Kip Van Amringe Remmey Taylor 12

"Negative." Aldermen Coles Smith Buckmaster Messieurs Stevens Schieffelin Allen 6

Alderman Buckmaster gave notice that he should at the next Meeting move for a reconsideration of the vote last taken.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Comptroller's Report which relates to the disposal of the Street Manure of this City, Reported:

"That they have had the subject under consideration, and propose the following Resolutions

"Resolved, that the Comptroller be directed to advertise for sealed proposals, to be received till the 2d of March, for the Street Manure of the Eastern and Western Districts, as at [342] present established by a Law of the Corporation, for two years from the 1st of May next.

"Resolved, that he also advertise for sealed proposals, to be received as above mentioned for the Street Manure of the City, for One and for Two years from the 1st May next—the Contractors to sweep and remove the dirt at their own expence from all the Streets and public places. For this purpose the City to be divided into Six Sub-districts, three in the Eastern and three in the western, as designated by law: each Sub-district to be swept and cleaned one day in the week, at the time designated by the Act aforesaid.

"Your Committee think that a better decision can be made, as to the propriety of agreeing to either of these plans, after proposals are received."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remey
" Leonard Kip

which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to advertise agreeably thereto for Contracts for 1 or for 2 years.

[343] The Street Committee, on the subject of Deeds to and from Gurdon S. Mumford, reported—They had examined the same, and recommended that the Deed from Mr. Mumford be accepted, and the Lease executed agreeably to the Report of the Counsel—which was approved.

The Comptroller Reported—that, by the decease of Margaret De Groot, the Lot in William Street leased by the Corporation to her for her life, had by her decease reverted to them—whereupon the subject of the disposal of said Lot was referred to the Finance Committee & Comptroller, to report.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving Broad way—upon which a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented a corrected assessment for regulating Hudson Street, [344] which was confirmed, and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Abraham Stagg, reported—that the prayer ought not to be granted, as the work is not fully completed—which ought to have been done the 1st of September last, and by the terms of the Contract the money is payable as it is collected—which Report was approved.

He also presented a Report recommending an Application to the Legislature requesting an Amendment to the Law respecting improvements in Streets, so that when the Report of the Commissioners of Assessment is confirmed by the Supreme Court the Common Council may have authority to delay commencing the Improvement for a period not exceeding fifteen months—which was referred to the Attorney to report the draught of a Memorial and corresponding Bill.

[345] The Committee of Public Lands and Places, on the Petition of Andrew I. McLaughlin, Reported:

"That the Petitioner was Keeper of the Flag Staff at the Battery in the year 1809, and with the expectation of holding the same for some time.

"That he went to considerable expence in improvements upon the same

"That upon the ground being granted to the United States, the Flag Staff was taken down, and another erected at the South end of the Battery

"That in the erection of the latter one, part of the Materials owned by said Andrew McLaughlin were used—and according to an estimate made at that time by the Superintendant of Repairs the value thereof was One hundred and fifty dollars

"And they therefore recommend that that sum be allowed [346] him and a Warrant be reported therefor."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob Taylor
" Robert McQueen
" Effing. Schieffelin

which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Superintendant of Repairs, on the Report of the Finance Committee (dated 2d instant) respecting the Lot on White Hall Street, reported—That he

"has viewed the Lot, and finds that there will be but one foot left —which in his opinion is of no use for a yard.

"He therefore would recommend to this Board that the Building occupy the whole of the Lot."

Respectfully Submitted

(sign'd) Jacob P. Roome,
Supᵗᵈᵗ of Repairs.

which Report was approved, and the Superintendant of Repairs was directed to occupy the whole ground as recommended.

[347] The Committee of Public Lands and Places, on the Petition of Robert Lenox, respecting an exchange of certain lots of Common Land, reported:

"That in their opinion no injury would arise to the Public from the Exchange upon the terms proposed by him, and therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller to settle and agree as to the Sum to be paid by Mr. Lenox to the Corporation upon the Exchange proposed by him."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob Taylor
" Robert McQueen
" Effing. Schieffelin

which Report was approved.

The Clerk, agreeably to order, reported an Engrossed Copy of the Law relative to Sweeping Chimnies &c.

The Committee on Laws, on the petition of Mary H. Williamson & Matthew V. Gibson, made a Report, which was Approved.

[348] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the subject of an Application from the Supervisors of Kings' County, presented a Report. The Report of the Comptroller was as follows:

"The Cooperation of this County is requested, for the reasons therein" (in an enclosed letter) "mentioned: but as the amount of real estates in this City and County the last year exceeds the valuation adjusted by the Board of principal assessors acting under a Law of the United States, in 1815, and will probably not diminish in succeeding years—it appears unnecessary to unite in the proposed application.

"The inequality of Assessments in the several Counties, in former years, has in a great measure been remedied by the enactment of the

Law of the State above mentioned; by which the aggregate of real estates, as determined on by the principal assessors of the United States, was to be considered the lowest amount at [349] which future valuations were to be adjusted by the Supervisors in each County.

"The subject is respectfully presented for the consideration of the Board, that an answer may be returned as early as possible."

Jan. 26. 1818. (sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

On which Report the Report of the Finance Committee was as follows:

"That they concur in opinion with the Comptroller, and deem it inexpedient to apply to the Legislature for any alteration of said Law, as the Estimate of the City Assessors is now more than that of the United States' Assessors, by One Million Six hundred thousand dollars."

Respectfully Submitted.

(sign'd) Thomas R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

whereupon, the Report of the Finance Committee was agreed to.

[350] The Finance Committee, on the petition of William M. Thurman for the remission of part of his tax for 1815, Reported:

"That they have examined the merits of the case, and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted.

"It is therefore recommended that the Collector of Arrears of Taxes be instructed to close the account of Mr. Thurman—the amount being Six Dollars and fifty four cents."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Messrs. Hart & Belden, relative to the Renewal of the Lease of the Upper part of the Watch House in Eldridge Street, Reported:

"That, altho' they consider the practice of disposing at public sale, generally, of Corporation property, [351] as highly advantageous to the public interest, yet it is believed that the present case should form an exception to this rule.

"The Academy established in this place by the petitioners is highly respectable both as to the number of scholars and the various branches of education taught therein. The teachers are men of unexceptionable character, and by their talents, their zeal and industry have made this establishment one of the most useful and most extensive in this part of the City.

"Your Committee are therefore of opinion that it would operate extremely hard on the petitioners to lease this place at auction, thereby exposing them to the cupidity of others, compelling them to purchase probably at an extravagant price the labors of their own hands, or to abandon them for the benefit of others.

"But as property in this part of the City is somewhat enhanced in value since the commencement of the lease now about expiring, it [352] is not thought unreasonable that some advance should be made in the rent—it is therefore recommended that the said premises be leased to the Petitioners for three years from 1st May next for One hundred and seventy five dollars per annum payable quarterly."

(sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Leonard Kip

which Report was approved.

The Street Commissioner and Attorney of the Board, to whom was referred the Petition of Claudius Redon for the remission of the penalty for erecting a building contrary to Law, reported:

"That the said Building has been so altered by the said Petitioner, by substituting safe materials against fire in the place of wood, that in their opinion it cannot now be considered dangerous

"That the Fire wardens of the Ward or a majority of them have examined the said building and are [353] satisfied with the same, as will appear by their opinions expressed in the paper hereunto annexed.

"They therefore recommend that the suit commenced against the said Petitioner be suspended on payment of costs."

(sign'd) Jno. McComb—St. Com.
" A. Sherman—Attorn.

which Report was approved.

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution (dated Feby. 2) on the subject of confining Runaway Slaves, presented a Report. The above-mentioned Resolution as proposed by Mr. Stevens, was as follows:

"Resolved, that in future in all cases where the Police Magistrates

commit slaves to Bridewell, for the reasons above" (in the preamble) "mentioned, that the said Magistrates first demand and receive the sum of fifteen dollars from the person or persons making application for such commitment, and that the said sum be passed to the credit of this Board [354] by the Clerk of the Police Office, to remunerate the Corporation for the expences of the board of such slave, while in Bridewell, at the rate of 25 cents per day—And that in case any such slaves, so committed shall be discharged before the expiration of sixty days, then the person or persons so paying the said fifteen dollars shall have refunded to him or them, by the said Clerk, such balance as may exist in his or their favour, after charging him or them with the board of such slave at the above rate of 25 cents per day—And that the said Magistrates on committing slaves, for the reasons and in the manner aforesaid, shall also first take from the person or persons making application for such Commitment a Bond (with Surety if in their opinion requisite) whereby such person or persons shall also bind themselves to pay the sum of twenty five cents per day, for each and every day that such slaves shall remain in Bridewell, after the expiration of the first sixty days—Provided always [355] that the Penalty of the said Bond shall not exceed One hundred dollars."

On which Resolution the Report of the Police Committee was—"that they approved of the Resolution proposed, and had drafted a Law agreeably thereto, which the Chairman presented. Whereupon, the same was read and agreed to and passed under the title of "A Law in relation to the Imprisonment of Slaves."

The following Report of Feby. 2, was called up:

The Special Committee, on the Petition respecting encouragement to the House of Industry, Reported:

"That your Committee have visited this establishment, and as far as they have been enabled to judge, the same is carried on, by the respectable members who compose the association, in a manner highly honorable to themselves and beneficial to the Community.

"This institution was established in the summer of 1814, and under the immediate auspices and patronage of this Corporation, [356] who by their Committee hired the Rooms for the Institution and presented them the sum of Five hundred dollars.

"In the Fall of 1815 this Association made to the Corporation their first Annual Report, which appears, by the Report of a then Committee of this Board, to have been highly satisfactory to the Cor-

poration, and they thereon voted the Institution the sum of One thousand dollars.

"In the Fall of the present year a Committee of this Board, without, as your present Committee believes, having visited and examined into the concerns of this Institution, reported in favor of the reduced Allowance of Four hundred dollars, which sum was agreed to by the Board.

"The members of this Association must naturally have concluded that the Corporation had lost their confidence in the mode of managing the Institution, or their good opinion of the description of the Institution itself: neither of which, your Committee are confident, is the fact.

[357] "In the opinion of your Committee, the House of Industry is calculated to prevent indigence and want among the poor of the City, to encourage them to labor, and thus to enable them to obtain a maintenance and support for themselves.

"It is a fact that must be granted, that all descriptions of associations to benefit or relieve the poor are frequently deceived and imposed upon—but the House of Industry, by granting relief only in paying for labor, is certaintly the least liable to be imposed upon, and therefore, if on this account alone, peculiarly entitled to encouragement.

"That the usefulness of this Institution may not be curtailed—but that it may be extended, aided and assisted by the advice and resources of the gentlemen who have petitioned in its behalf, your Committee have concluded to recommend, that the Sum of Five hundred dollars be granted them for the Rent of their contemplated [358] increased Establishment."

	(sign'd)	G. Buckmaster
	"	Samuel Stevens
Feby. 2.	"	W. F. Van Amringe
1818.	"	Eldad Holmes

which, having been read, was approved, and a warrant for Five hundred dollars in favor of said Institution was directed to issue.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the Resolution of the 22^{d} of September last which went to authorize the Comptroller to cancel the Bonds given by the Collectors of the Wards as their respective books are settled, Reported, that they see no objection to the adoption of the said resolution. whereupon the said Resolution was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of the Irish Emigrant Society, reported:

"That they are fully sensible of the great advantage which results to the United States from the [359] emigration of industrious foreigners who have come to reside permanently therein. Such emigrants have contributed to add to the strength and enhance the wealth of the nation.

"Your Committee earnestly hope and confidently believe that Congress will continue to cherish that liberal policy toward all meritorious foreigners of all nations, who are attached to the principles of our free Constitution, which hath hitherto characterized the laws.

"At the same time your Committee are of opinion that as the Corporation of this City, in common with those of the other cities of the Union, is constituted for local purposes and local views, it is inexpedient in this Board formally to apply to Congress on the subject, or give any special opinion to the Representatives from this City."

(sign'd) R. Riker
" Steph. Allen
" Jno. B. Coles

which Report was approved.

[360] The Report of the Finance Committee of the 29th of December, relative to raising the rates of Slippage, which had been laid on the Table, was called up and read, as follows:

"The Finance Committee—&c report—that they have examined the subject with attention, and have also made enquiries of such persons as were considered well acquainted with it: from all which they are induced to recommend for adoption by the Board the following rates, to take effect from and after the 30th day of April next—namely:

All small craft, 5 Tons burthen and under.....to pay $2 per annum
All vessels from 5 tons & under 25 T..... 30 cts p. day
" " " of 25 " " 40 "..... 40 " "
" " " of 40 " " 60 "..... 50 cts p day.
" " " of 60 " " 100 "..... 60 cts p day.
" " " of 100 " and above, to pay the same rates per day as are now received at the private wharves.
All vessels having outside births to pay half the above rates.

"and that the Law to reg- [361] ulate the lying of vessels at the public wharves and in the Slips, and to establish the rates of Wharfage, be amended accordingly—by an Ordinance to be reported for that purpose by the Counsel of the Board.

"Should the foregoing rates be agreed to, the Committee are war-

ranted in saying that this property would let for a sum considerably larger than it at present commands: and several difficulties now existing in relation to the lying of vessels in the Slips would be remedied: then places would no longer exhibit vessels converted into retail shops and store-houses, nor would they be incumbered with vessels laid up and dismantled during the whole winter; or if it were so, the Contractor would be properly compensated for such privileges."

Dec. 29. 1817. (sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reub. Munson
" Sam. Akerly
" Steph. Allen.

Alderman Smith, as a Substitute for [362] the Rates in the foregoing Report, proposed the following Resolution:—

"Resolved, that fifty per cent be added to the present rates of slippage charged by the Corporation, to commence from the 1st day of May next. And further—if any vessel coming within the yearly rates of slippage shall be at or in any of the public wharves or slips with the consent of the proper authority over 21 days in succession, the owner or agent thereof shall pay in addition for every day beyond such term—

if under 20 tons burthen	5 cents:
if 20 tons and under 40	10 cents:
" 40 " " 60	15 cents
" 60 " " 100	20 cents

But it is expressly declared that this last regulation shall not affect vessels lying Eastward of Corlaer's Hook on the East River, and Northward of Duane Street Basin on the North River."—which was agreed to, and the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel was directed to report an Ordinance amending [363] the Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the Public Slips, agreeably to said report—and the Comptroller was directed to advertise to receive Contracts for the leasing of the Public Slips and Wharves until the 9th day of March next.

Mr. Allen presented a Resolution, recommending an Application to the Legislature for a Law amending the Law touching the laying out of Streets, so as to authorize the Corporation to direct the Commissioners of Assessment to assess to them such parts of former Streets as they may judge proper which should be left out and not wanted for improving any streets—which Resolution was approved and referred to the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel to report a Memorial and Bill corresponding therewith.

Mr. Van Amringe presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the [364] propriety of dividing the City of New York into Districts and of appointing proper persons in each district to prevent the settlement of foreign poor and to prevent as far as possible Pauperism in the City." which was referred to Messieurs Van Amringe Holmes and Alderman McQueen

Ordered—that the Comptroller audit the Accounts of B. Hicks and G. Mills, for their services from the 1st of January last—and that they in future be attached to the Office of the City Inspector.

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury 9 ins	$71.82	
Received for Wells & Pumps	100.00	
" " First Street	1,000.00	
" " Canal Street	1,000.00	
" " Docks & Slips	2,000.00	
" " Streets	3,325.94	
" Tax 1817—1st, 5th, 8th wds	13,125.00	20,622.76

[365] The following 18 Accounts were Audited.

Jac. P. Roome, Supt Repairs—1 Qr's Salary—14 ins	225.00	
G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller, 1 Qr's Salary—15 ins	500.00	
Thos. P. Low, printing for Corpn 3 months—1 ins	247.00	
A. Stevens, posting Bills, 3 months—1 ins	19.00	
Thos. Gardner, for 2 bonds of B. M. Van Beuren, Interest and Costs	892.87	
Robert Provost, painting and glazing Lamps in Jan	71.58	
James Meghan, Account for paving Greenwich St	400.00	
Charles Golden, Account paving Hudson Street	200.00	
Hugh Smith, Account, for paving Cliff Street	200.00	
Charels Mooney, Account for paving Broad Way	100.00	
Thomas Scott, Account for paving Orange Street	100.00	
[366] Thomas Ridgway, balance on Well in Amos Street	57.11	
Reuben Ayres, Carts earth on Docks & Slips	32.75	
Hen. Allen, last instalmt Pier Gouverneur's Slip	400.00	
Peter Schermerhorn, Int. on Bond, 6 mo. 1 Feby	450.00	
Steph. Ludlum, Surveys, Maps & Profiles for 1817	1634.46	
Jno. McComb, Street Comr to pay Court, Commissrs & Attorneys' fees, opening Pearl & Cherry Sts—Franklin Sq.	1100.38	
Mrs. Bethune, House Indust. Donation Ordered 16 Feby	500.00	14,130.15
	Balance	$=6,492.61

Adjourned to Monday next, at 4 o'clock.

[367] In Common Council February 23. 1818

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Robert McQueen	John Remmey
Arthur Burtis	Jacob B. Taylor
Reuben Munson	Effing. Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

An Invitation from John Scudder, Proprietor of the Museum, to visit the Museum this evening was read and accepted. Mr. Scudder also enclosed for each Member a free ticket of admission to the Museum for the present year.

A Memorial from the Officers of the First Brigade of New York State Artillery was received, stating that there [368] is not at present a space of vacant ground sufficiently extensive on which the troops of the Brigade were to be paraded and perform the necessary evolutions required by the United States' System of Military Discipline—that in the plan of the City, as laid out by the Commissioners, a spacious Tract is allotted as a Military Square—and they request that the same may be appropriated to that purpose as soon as is consistent with the convenience of the Corporation. They also request that the Upper Room of the Market about to be built at Fulton Slip may be reserved for military purposes—Whereupon the said Memorial was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A Petition of James Vandenburgh for Stall No. 51 in Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance from Sundry Inhabitants, against opening the Tenth Ave- [369] nue from the Bloomingdale to the Kingsbridge Road, was read and referred to the Road Committee & Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Sundry Confectioners and Dealers in fruit, complaining of the practice of persons selling Oranges and Limes in the Streets—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws with the addition of Alderman Holmes and Mr. Stevens.

A Petition for a well in White Street near Stable Alley, was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of Stephen Smack, to be permitted to continue to sell meat at the Upper end of Broadway—was read and rejected.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that Lispenard Street might be opened from Broadway to Church Street [370] was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner.

A Recommendation, in favor of John Johnson to be appointed Wood Inspector for the 13th district, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Remonstrance of Henry Lawson, Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers, for himself and Associates against the Law about to be passed on the subject of Chimney Sweepers—was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Magdalen Eagles, for remission of Assessment laid upon a Lot owned by her for opening Canal Street—was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of John Hone and Jeremiah T. Randolph was received—stating that they were Purchasers of Two Lots of Ground formerly known as Government House Lots—that at the time of the sale of those Lots a [371] Map of the ground was exhibited, and a Lot reserved on White Hall Street for an Engine House—that they have erected buildings in conformity with said reservation and arrangement—that they learn that the Corporation are about erecting a Three Story Building on said lot, which will be attended with great injury and expence to the Petitioners. They therefore pray that the Corporation will apply that Lot to the erection of such a building as was described at the time of sale, or that they will sell the lot to the Petitioners, for which they are willing to give the sum of One thousand dollars—whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A further petition of Abraham Stagg for advance of money on his Contract for regulating Mulberry and Orange Streets, was read, and leave was given to Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

[372] A Petition of Isaac Underhill was received, stating that he is Owner of a Store in Cliff Street, which he is desirous of converting into a Dwelling House—that from the late Regulation of that Street he cannot have access to the House without a flight of Stairs—that by the present law the Platform cannot exceed five feet from the level of the Street—and praying to be permitted to raise his to the height of Six feet—which request was directed to be complied with, and authority was given accordingly.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, praying the Removal of John

N. Johnson from the Office of Wood Inspector, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Matthias Bruen, praying Remission of fine incurred under an Ordinance on the subject of a Nuisance, was read and referred to the City Inspector.

[373] The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 5."

Pet. D. Vroom, Account^{t}, 25 Wall St., 1 ward, vice Royall Hewins, Departed.

Jas. Delemater, Account^{t}, Pearl c. William, 1 ward, vice Jac. Defandorf, Departed.

V. J. Benham, Taylor, 68 Front St. 1 ward, vice Rich. E. Reynolds, Departed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 37."

Mat. V. Caistang, Rope M^{r}—38 Rivington, 10 w^{d} vice Robert Lee, Resigned.

Thos. Blair, Grocer, Rivington c. Ludlow, 10 w^{d} vice Peter Yerrick, Departed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 39."

Jno. H. Brown, Mercht. Ann St. c. B^{d}way, 2 ward vice William B. Read, Departed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 40."

Jos. Curtis, Cartman, 215 Bowery, 10 ward, vice Sam. Crumell, Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for cleaning the Drain in Ferry Street—which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector for the same.

[374] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following 24 Nuisances: to wit

J. J. Woodruff	Owner.	Thompson c. Broome.	Lot.
J. & P. Stagg	do.	Grand c. Broome.	do
G. B. Abeel J. Cullen	Owner Occup.	25 Cross Street	Privy
J. M^{c}Kay J. M^{c}Laughlin	Own. or Agt. Occ.	29 Lombardy St.	do
C. Heeney Mrs. Cook	Own. Occ.	13 Elm St.	do
J. Earle	Own. & Occ.	14 do	do

M. Parsells	Own.	2	Republican Ally	Privy
A. McKay	Occ.			
J. Morton	Own.	3	do	do
J. Miller	Occ.			
M. Parsells	Own.	4	do	do
Wm Forsyth	Occ.			
A. Campbell	Own.	7	do.	do
W. Fisher	Occ.			
D. Waters	Lessee	8	do.	do
A. Duncan	Occ.			
P. Boyle	Own.	47	Duane St	do
J. Elliott	Occ.			
J. Connolly	Own. & Occ.	48	do.	do
P. *Ruly* [Rooney]	Own.	48½	do	do
M. Barber	Occ.			
[375] G. B. Abeel	Own.	49	do	do
J. Mc Crery	Occ.			
Rob. McQueen	Own.	73	do	do
G. Cullum	Occ.			
Rob. McQueen	Own.	75	do	do
J. Duncan	Occ.			
C. Heeney	Own.	78	do.	do
J. McConkey	Occ.			
J. McClure	Own. & Occ.	82	do	do
D. S. Lyons	Own.	86	do	do
J. Lowerè	Occ.			
E. Meeks	Own.	93	do	do.
T. Gray	Occ.			
L. Baum	Own. & Occ.	95	do	do
M. Parsells	Own.	98	do	do
A. Forrester	Occ.			
M. Miller	Own.	102	do	do
A. Vosburgh	Occ.			

(sign'd)*

which Ordinances were passed.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Richard Varick, respecting encroachments, Reported:

"That they have caused [376] a Survey to be made by two of the City Surveyors, (a Certificate of which accompanies this Report.)

* Signatures not given.—Ed.

by which it will appear that Mr. Varick has no cause to complain of an encroachment as his Stable stands within 2 inches of the true line, and his fence stands 10 feet on Bleecker Street, giving all the ground according to the Map of the Block he purchased.

"Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the Contractor for regulating Bleecker Street ought to be permitted to proceed, as he is suffering considerable damage by delay."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Jacob Taylor
" R. Graves
St. Com^r pro. tem.

To which Report of the Committee was subjoined the following Certificate of the Survey: towit

"We have as directed measured the Block of Ground owned by R. Varick Esqr. between Houston and Bleecker Streets on the North-west side of Thompson Street, and find [377] that the North East end of Mr. Varick's Stable is 407 feet 10 inches from the North East side of Houston Street, being 2 inches back from the line of Bleecker Street; the fence of Mr. Varick's enclosure stands 10 feet 6 inches on Bleecker Street, allowing said Bleecker Street to be 50 feet wide at that point."

(sign'd) Steph. Ludlum
" Edwd. Doughty
City Surveyors.

whereupon, the Report of the Committee was approved.

The Committee on the Sunday Law, to whom the Complaint against the concourse of boys near the corner of Oak and Pearl Streets and the Ordinance proposed relative to the same [were referred], Reported:

"That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the Law was well drafted, well amended & well revised.

"But that the season is too far advanced to enact the same

[378] "and therefore recommend that the subject be left for the consideration of another Board."

(sign'd) Robert M^cQueen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Stevens

The question being taken on agreeing to said Report, and a Division having been called by alderman Holmes, it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affirmative. Aldermen Coles M'Queen Burtis Munson Messieurs Stevens Taylor Allen 7

Negative. Aldermen Brackett Holmes Messieurs Kip Van Amringe 4

Mr. Allen presented a Resolution for taking the Waters between Catharine and James Slips for a Public Slip or Basin—which was read and referred to Committee on Wharves Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

[379] Alderman Munson presented a Resolution recommending an Application to the Legislature for a Law to authorize the Corporation to lay a Tax on Carriages similar to the late Tax laid by the United States, to be appropriated solely toward the expences of making and keeping in Repair Streets, Roads & Highways—which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury on the 16 instant	6,492.61
Received for Rents	5,038.12
" " Tax 1817 in the 6th and 9th wards	3500.00
" " Wells & Pumps	100.00
" " Tavern Licenses	78.30
" " 8th Avenue	300.00
" " Canal Street	500.00
" " Streets	6,074.87
	$22,083.90

[380] 21 Accounts Audited.

Morris & Anderson, Watch 1st district	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd, Watch 2d district	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3d district	413.00
Wm Smith, Collecr Revenue, 1 qr. 22 ins. & Carriage hire	201.50
Jonath. Pinckney, Cit. Intend. 1 qr. 19 ins	250.00
Thos. Franklin, Chief Engin. 1 qr. 18 ins	200.00
Jos. Varick, Inspector Bread, 1 qr. 17 ins. balance	90.50
Jno. B. Dash, 2½ doz. hammer wrenches, fire departt	43.00
And. I. McLaughlin, Reprs. Flagstaff Battery in 1809	150.00
Margaret Walker, Award for Pearl & Cherry Streets	4750.00
Peter Parsells, regg Streets at Greenwich Village	800.00
Richard Moran, Account regulating Lewis Street	500.00
[381] Corlis & May, Account for flagging Broadway	500.00
James Meghan, Account paving Greenwich Street	200.00
Jos. Willoughby, Account regulating Hammond St	200.00
John Sloan, on Account regulating Bleecker St	200.00
John Culbert, Account paving White Street	200.00
Hugh Smith, pavg Orange St. from Bayard to Pump St	100.00

Jac. P. Roome, Supt^dt Reprs, to pay bills & Workmen.....	860.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for Engine Houses.....	106.00	
L. S. Burling, Redemption bills of Credit.....	1000.00	12,564.75
	Balance	$=9,519.15

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[382] In Common Council March 2. 1818.

Present. The Honble Jacob Radcliff, Mayor, President.
R. Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	Wm F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Thos. R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
Robert McQueen	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis	
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, praying for the Establishment of a public Slip or Basin at the foot of Oliver Street, between James and Catharine Slips, accompanied with a Map of the same, was presented [383] and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Comptroller and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Letitia Woolsey, praying relief from payment of Assessment on her for Canal Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from James Clermont and Gabriel L. Lewis, praying relief from excessive rate of personal Tax on them, were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Remonstrance from Francis Cooper, against digging out Thompson Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Briant, praying he may be continued in the office of Measurer of Grain &c. was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[384] A Petition of George Cornelius, to be appointed a Watchman, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Remonstrance of Elizabeth Downie, against the Removal of her House No. 214 Bowery, and praying it may be permitted to remain,

was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Patrick Barry, for relief from Penalty said to be incurred under the Fire Law, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Fitzgerald, for a Stall at the upper end of Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the Executors of John Gardner deceased was received, stating that their Testator at his individual expence built a Pier on the Southerly Side of Broome Street—[385] that the Wharfage arising from said Pier has been received from the Lessee of Public Slips, who declines paying any proportion of the same without the order of the Corporation—they therefore requested that the Corporation would either direct the Wharfage now due, and which may hereafter accrue, to be paid to them, or that they would direct that proportion of the expence of constructing the Pier to be paid to them as is customary in like cases—whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves & Street Commissioner.

A Recommendation in behalf of Charles Coftis, Lamp lighter, to receive an increased compensation for lighting the Signal Lamps at the Battery, was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Remonstrance against extending Lispenard Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

[386] The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 7."

Henry Blade, Currier, 1 Jacob St. 4 ward, vice Rich. Townly, Resign'd.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 12."

Jas. Kissam, mercht, 367 Pearl St. 4 ward vice Thos. Tucker, Resigned.

Dan. Berrian, Brush M^r 1 Hague St. 4 ward vice Rich. Poillon, expelled.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 18."

Jas. M. Hoyt, Mercht. 42 Cherry St. 4 ward, vice Gerard. C. Langdon, Resign'd

"Fire Engine Company, No. 23."

Thos. Maurice, Tallow Ch^dlr, White c. Elm, 6 ward, vice Thos. Fenwick, Resign'd.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 26."

Ed. Smylie, Brass Found[r], Pike c. Henry, 7 ward, vice William Burk, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 27."

Will. Sharp, Stone Cutter, 420 Greenwich S. 5 w[d] vice Jos. B. Gaffit, Expelled

"Fire Engine Company, No. 39."

Nath. S. Prentiss, Perfum[r] 149 B[d]way, 3 ward, vice Rich. Canfield, Departed.

Jno. C. Tallman, 64 Vesey, vice H. Westervelt, Res[d]

[387] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the 34 following Nuisances:

Jno. J. Astor	Owner	8	Charlton St.	Lot.
Jas. E. Betts R. Kinnier	Own. Occ.	150	William St.	Privy.
E. Mitchell J. Lowerre	Own. Occ.	86	Duane St.	do
D. Waters A. Adams	Own. Occ.	32	Reed St.	do
—— Mooney S. Kilroy	Own. Occ.	29	do	do
T. Van Beuren,	Lessee & Occ.	22	Ferry St	do
Jas. Meinell	do. do.	24	do	do
J. J. Campbell A. Maverick	Agt. Occ.	50	Hudson St.	do
A. Benford C. Howland	Own. Occ.	46	do.	do
A. Benford	Own. & Occ.	48	do.	do
S. M[c]Cready	do. do.	6	Catharine L[ne]	do
P. Ogilvie J. Holmes	Own. Occ.	8	Catharine St.	do
M. Wymbs Mrs. Higgins	Own. Occ.	22	Catharine L[ne]	do
H. Mulvey W. M[c]Intire	Own. Occ.	10.	do.	do
[388] P. Oglevie C. Gillespie	Own. Occ.	12	do.	do
C. Gillespie C. Featherston	Lessee. Occ.	15	do.	do

G. Lorillard	Own.	43	Elm St	Privy
J. Bolen	Occ.			
Mrs. Osgood	Own.	23	do.	do
J. Pritchard	Occ.			
E. Mann	Own.	27	do.	do
P. Cavenagh	Occ.			
E. Mann	Own.	29.	do	do
E. Webber	Occ.			
J. Spencer	Own.	25	do.	do
R. Cunningham and M. Cristoe	Occup.			
J. Crolius	Own.	34	do.	do
P. Conolly	*Own.* [Occ.]			
J. Crolius	Own.	40	do	do
Jno Mitchell	Occ.			
Mrs. Clark	Own.	54	do.	do
R. Gender	Occ.			
G. Foos	Own. & Occ	52	do.	do
J. Johnston,	do. do	28	do	do
E. Ward	do. do	21	do	do
P. Ogilvie	Own	103	Anthony St.	do
J. Fitzpatrick	Occ.			
[389] P. Ogilvie	Own	108	do	do
W. Carrigan	Occ.			
P. Ogilvie	Own.	106	do	do
D. Haggerty	Occ.			
P. Ogilvie	Own.	102	do	do
A. Hannah	Occ.			
F. Freeborn	Own.	111	do	do
do	Occ.			
D. Dougherty	Own.	109	do	do
	Occ.			
C. Graham	Own.	110	do	do
J. Short	Occ.			

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspec

which Ordinances were passed.

The Comptroller, agreeably to the Resolution of 27th October last, presented a Report of the probable Receipts and Expenditures of the present year—which was referred to the Finance Committee: viz—Aldermen Smith Munson Messieurs Allen Kip Akerly

[390] The Comptroller presented the following Report of Corporation property sold and leased at public Auction on the 20th Feby. last under the direction of the Finance Committee:—Viz.

Lot 15	Leonard c. Collect.....	Geo. Lorillard.....	1025.00	
16	Collect St. West Side	"	925.00	
17	" "	"	950.00	
18	" "	"	925.00	
19	" "	"	925.00	
20	" "	"	975.00	
48	Leonard c. Collect—E. side	"	1100.00	
49	On Collect St. "	"	800.00	
50	" " "	"	725.00	
51	" " "	"	625.00	
52	" " "	"	675.00	
53	" " "	"	725.00	
80	" " "	"	700.00	
81	" " "	"	700.00	
82	" " "	"	625.00	
83	" " "	"	675.00	
84	" " "	"	800.00	
85	" " "	"	725.00	
86	Leonard c. Collect. S. side..	"	1175.00	
87	On Leonard St. " ..	"	850.00	
88	" " " ..	"	800.00	
92	" Anthony S. No. side...	"	750.00	
[391]14	Leonard St—So. side.....	Thos. Egerton.....	1025.00	
22	Anthony St—N. side.....	"	1050.00	
21	Anthony c. Collect Sts....	Moses Coddington..	1700.00	
54	Collect St.—E. side.....	Jas. Vincent.....	925.00	
79	Anthony c. Collect.....	Geo. Degrass.....	1200.00	
93	Anthony St.—N. side.....	"	850.00	
91	Gore, Leonard St, S. side..	Edm[d] Kirby.....	400.00	25,325.00
29 Lots				

Land at Bloomingdale

No. 4.a	6 acr. 1 R.38 p....	Jno. Low.....	$495 p. acre	3211.31	
5 e	5 " 3 " 24½.....	"	490	2892.53	
42	5 " 0 " 14	"	250	1271.87	
22.5	7 " 1 " 21½	Dav. Cargill...	360	2658.37	
41.47.x	10 " 2 " 29	Jno.&Jac. Shrady	200	2136.25	12,170.33
	35 " 2 " 7				

No. 1	Cellar Cath[ae] Market	Geo. Thompson...	$35 p. an.	Leased for 3 years from 1 May 1818	
2	" " "	S. & M. Smith....	35		
3	" " "	P. Romaine.....	35		
4	" " "	Bur[d] Brown.....	30		
5	" " "	S. S. Townsend...	35		
6	" " "	Bur[d] Brown.....	55		
			$225.		225.00
Upper part—Watch house in Spring Street.....		Jno. Hanning.....	$85—1 year from 1 May 1818.....		$85.00.

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

[392] His Honour the Mayor informed the Common Council that he had received a Communication from Cadwallader D. Colden Esqr. informing him that he had received from the Honorable the Council of Appointment a Commission as Mayor of the City of New York, and that he proposed taking the Oaths of Office in the presence of the Common Council this afternoon—whereupon, on motion of Alderman Smith, a Committee was appointed to wait on Mr. Colden and inform him the Common Council were in Session and ready to receive him, consisting of Aldermen, Smith Brackett & Mr. Taylor.

A considerable number of Citizens attending to witness the ceremonial of the Induction of the newly appointed Mayor, and the Common Council Chamber not being sufficiently large to accommodate them, the Board adjourned to the Room in the Hall assigned for the holding of the Sessions and Oyer & Terminer Courts.

[393] After a short time Mr. Colden was introduced into the Room by the Committee and was seated on the right of the President. The Commission of Mr. Colden was then read by the Clerk of the Common Council. The Oaths prescribed by the Charter and the Law were then administered to Mr. Colden by the Honorable the Mayor Mr. Radcliff. After which Mr. Radcliff took leave of the Common Council in a short address, and then introduced Mr. Colden to the President's Seat. Mr. Colden, on taking the chair, addressed the Common Council in a short appropriate address. The Board then adjourned to the Common Council Chamber, and being again formed the following business was transacted.

Alderman Buckmaster presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the Honorable Jacob Radcliff, late Mayor of the City, for his able [394] discharge of the duties of the Mayoralty and for his intelligence and impartiality as the presiding Officer of the Board."

which Resolution was unanimously agreed to.

A Petition of N^{l} Fisk, to be appointed Captain of the City Watch in place of Michael Norris (deceased), was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Remonstrance of Daniel E. Smith and others against John N. Johnson as wood Inspector for monopoly, reported:

"That there appears to be no ordinance prohibiting the Inspector of Firewood from purchasing that article for the purpose of resale: they nevertheless view such practices as highly improper, and presume

the Board would discountenance any of the Inspectors who should be guilty of it.

"From the information had on this subject by the Committee [395] however, they are of opinion the charge against said Johnson is unfounded, at least so far as not to require the interference or notice of the Board.

"The Committee have been unable to learn that any thing is alleged against the moral character of Mr. Johnson, neither is he charged with improper performance or neglect of duty as an Inspector: They therefore respectfully recommend he be continued in his Office, and that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Sam[l] Stevens
" Sam. Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of John Steele for a portion of penalty recovered from Jno. S. Sommer, Reported:

"That in the opinion of your Committee the business of a Pawn Broker is of doubtful utility [396] to the public, and liable to great abuses and impositions upon those whose circumstances compel them to resort to the aids afforded by these dealers: it is of importance therefore, that any infringement of the law on that subject should be promptly noticed, and the offenders prosecuted to judgment.

"Mr. Steele, in the opinion of the Committee, deserves the thanks of the Community for the information given the Attorney in this case. which enabled him to prosecute the offender, and recover the penalty alluded to: and as he states his losses to be considerable, in consequence of the illegal requirements exacted from him by said Sommer —the Committee recommend, that he be paid One fourth of the amount recovered; and therefore, that a Warrant pass in favor of John Steele for Twenty five Dollars"

Respectfully Submitted

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly
" Samuel Stevens.

Approved and a Warrant ordered therefor.

[397] The Finance Committee, on the Memorial of Edward Doughty praying for a balance on Maps and Surveys of the 10[th] Ward, Reported:

"That they have examined said Maps, and have no hesitation in saying they are completed in a manner highly creditable to Mr. Doughty: and altho' the Amount of his Bill exceeds what was originally contemplated by the Board, when ordering Maps of the several Wards to be made, they are nevertheless led to believe, that his services could not be consistently given for a less sum than that he has charged.

"The Committee therefore recommend, that a Warrant pass for Two hundred and Eighty nine dollars fifty cents, being the balance due Mr Doughty agreeably to a bill herewith presented."

(sign'd) Steph. Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

[398] An Amendment to the Law entitled "A Law to regulate the lying of vessels at the Public Wharves and in the Slips," was Reported by the Attorney, agreeably to directions, and being read by paragraphs was passed.

The Engrossed Ordinance, respecting the appointment of a Superintendant of Chimney Sweepers, was called up and after some discussion was postponed and made the Order of the day at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Alderman Munson it was Resolved, that (when the Board adjourn,) they will adjourn to meet at Bellevue to visit with the newly appointed Mayor that Establishment.

The Sealed Proposals for the Street Manure received by the Comptroller were presented by him—whereupon, on motion the Lobby was cleared, and the

Doors Closed.

[399] The Sealed Proposals having been opened by the President and the propositions therein stated having been made known—it appeared that the propositions, of Edward Hitchcock for the western District, and that of William M. Hitchcock for the Eastern district, were the highest.

whereupon, it was Resolved, that a Lease of the Street Manure for the western district, for the period of Two years from the 1st of May next, be made out to Edward Hitchcock, on condition of his securing to be paid the Sum of Four thousand Eight hundred and Seventy five dollars per annum—the Streets to be swept by him, the

dirt of the Streets collected together and removed by him, at his own expence, agreeably to the proposals issued by the Comptroller.

It was also Resolved that a Lease for the Street Manure of the Eastern District, for the period of two years from the 1st of May next be given to William M. Hitchcock upon the same conditions as to clean- [400] ing the Streets and on his securing the payment of the Sum of Four thousand Eight hundred and Twenty five dollars per annum.

The Contracts were directed to be prepared and executed under the direction of the Comptroller, and the Sureties to be approved by his Honor the Mayor and the Comptroller.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury, 23 Feb	$9519.15	
Received for Tax of 1817, 2, 5, 9 and 10 wards	5244.00	
Received for Arrears of Tax	300.00	
" " Canal Street	1500.00	
" " Streets	5100.00	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.00	
" " Common Lands	9658.37	31,421.52

38 Accounts Audited.

Geo. Cuming, City Inspec. 1 qr's Salary—28 Feby	312.50
W. J. Waldron, Ass. Cit. Insp. 1 mo. Sal 1 inst	48.00
Obad. Ayres, Ass. Cit. Insp. 1 mo 1 ins	48.00
[401] Benj. Hicks, Ass. Cit. Inspec. 2 mo 1 ins	102.00
Geo. Mills, Ass. City Inspec. 2 mo 1 ins	102.00
Jonath. Weeden, Street Insp. 1 mo 1 ins	48.00
Sam. Hutchings, St. Insp. 1 mo 1 ins	48.00
Astin & Cochran, Messengers. 1 mo 1 ins	60.00
Dan. H. Magee, Keep. Potter's Fd 1 mo 1 ins	42.00
Abr. Brevoort, Bread Insp. 1 qr 21 Feb	97.80
B. Skaats, Keep. City Hall, 1 qr. 24 Feb—& expences	361.85
Jno. Richardson, attg Just. Court. 3 mo 1 ins	56.25
Geo. Snethen, Sup. & Light. Lamps. 1 mo 1 ins	655.50
Jac. Warner, Special Justice, 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	187.50
Jac. Hopson, Special Justice. 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	187.50
Josh Hedden, Special Justice, 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	187.50
[402] B. Oblenis, Clk. Police Office. 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	250.00
R. Stevens, Ass. Clk. Pol. Office. 1 qr. Salary 26 Feb	200.00
Jac. Hays, Offers extr Serv. Pol. Off. 1 qr Sal 26 Feb	293.87
Ben Hill and R. Ayres, filling Dey St. Basin	1000.00
Pet. Allerson, Reprs. Docks, Flymarket & Peck Slips, Corporation half	470.07
John Bingham, Award for Pearl & Cherry Streets	13,100.00
Hannah Clinton, Award for Pearl & Cherry Streets	1000.00
Alex. Banks, Award for Pearl & Cherry Streets	340.00

Nicholas Low, Award for Lombardy Street	1826.00	
James Woods—Award for Lombardy Street	951.00	
Th. B. Clark—Award for Lombardy Street	600.00	
Dennis Hannigan, Award for Lombardy Street	286.00	
Jno. J. Astor do do	167.00	
[403] Th. Knox & Others, Execrs of N. Gouverneur, Award for Lombardy Street	163.00	
W. L. Simers—Award for Lombardy Street	161.00	
Geo. Nelson and Jno. Clark, Execrs. of Thomas Dodds—Award for Lombardy St	113.00	
William Fosbrook, Award for Lombardy Street	67.00	
Corlis & May, on Account for flagging Broad Way	500.00	
Chs. Mooney, pavg Broad Wy, from Pearl to Leonard St	196.17	
Chs. Mooney, Reprg. Streets	36.89	
John Parsons, Balance for Well in the Bowery	93.06	
Rich. Furman, Superintt of the Alms House	6000.00	30,358.46
	Balance	$=1063.06

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue, on Thursday next, at 1 o'clock.

[404] Bellevue. In Common Council March 5. 1818.

Present. The Honble Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Pres.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effing. Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen.
Reuben Munson	

The Board met agreeably to their adjournment for the purpose of visiting together with the newly elected Mayor the Establishments at Bellevue. The following business was transacted.

A Memorial was received from Dobbs and Furman, the Contractors for the Street Manure, stating that the Lot of ground formerly appropriated for the Deposit of Manure has been lately sold by the Corporation, and [405] requesting some other ground may be assigned for that purpose—which was read and referred to

Alderman Holmes
Messieurs Remmey } Street Comtee
" Kip

John McComb, St. Commissr
G. N. Bleecker Comptroller.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Broad Street, stating that the Sewer in said Street was out of Repair, and their Cellars inundated with water, was read and referred to

Alderman Holmes
Messieurs Remmey } Street Committee
" Kip
John M^cComb, Street Commiss^r

with a request to report as to the propriety of constructing a new Sewer made of stone or brick.

The Street Commissioner stated, that agreeably to Law Lime Houses cannot be constructed in the streets until [406] the first of April, and suggesting the propriety of giving permission to those about building to construct Lime Houses previous to the first of April—which suggestion was approved and authority given to grant permission accordingly.

The following was agreed to—viz

"Resolved that it be referred to the Alms House Committee and Street Commissioner to consider and report to this Board, whether any and what ground will be proper to add to the Alms House Establishment—together with a Map thereof and the probable expence which would attend the acquisition."

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

March 9, 1818 to June 29, 1818

[1] In Common Council, March 9, 1818.

Present. The Honble Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Presid.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Thomas R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
Robert McQueen	Jacob B. Taylor
George Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of the Two last Meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of the Trustees of the New York Free School, requesting the Corporation to grant them, for the purposes of a School Room, the Room in the Building lately erected at Greenwich for the Watch of the Second District—was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Petition of John Peters for an appointment to some office under the Corporation—was read and referred to the [2] Committee of Applications, with directions that they would report at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants on the subject of the Regulation of Franklin Square, and a Communication from the Street Commissioner on the same subject were read and referred to Aldermen Brackett Holmes Coles Munson Mr. Allen and The Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas B. Clark was received, stating that he is Owner of the House at the Corner of Montgomery and Lombardy Streets—that he has received an order from the Corporation to cut off 6 feet from said house or remove the same—that he had, previously to receiving said notice, rented it for the ensuing year, and that he of course will be liable to the Tenant for damages, which would be ruinous to him—He therefore prays relief—Whereupon, the same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Willet Cornell, holding [3] Stall No. 18 Fly Market,

praying to be permitted to exchange the same for Stall No. 40 the same Market (now held by John Tier who is willing to relinquish the same)—was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of Ezekiel Bishop and Abraham Reimier, stating that at a sale by Decree of Chancery they were purchasers of Lots No. 321 at the corner of Prince and Wooster Streets, and No. 747 Mercer Street—that they understand the Corporation have a lien on the same by Mortgage from the owner Beekman M. Van Beuren—and proffering to transfer their right to the Corporation on their paying the amount agreed to be paid by them—Namely—for Lot No. 321, $580, and for Lot No. 747 $355—whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee and Counsel.

A Memorial from D. Dunham and others Lessees of Delancy Street Ferry, stating that the Lessees to whom the grant of a Ferry at the foot of Grand Street had been given had not complied with the conditions of the Grant, and praying the attention of the Board thereto—and also praying an extension of their own Grant—was read and re-
[4] ferred to the former Committee on Grand Street

A Petition of George Duryee for appointment to some office, was read and referred to the Committee of Applications.

A Petition of the Proprietors of the Piers between Coenties and Old Slips, for the use of the Mud Machine for cleansing the Slips—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

A further Memorial of Richard Varick, on the subject of Encroachments made on his property in digging out Bleecker Street, was presented. A Representation was also made from the Street Commissioner, stating, that in pursuance of the Approbation of the Common Council of the Report of the Committee on the former memorial of Richard Varick made on the 23^{d} of February last the Contractor for digging out Bleecker Street had proceeded in the business, and that in consequence of digging out said Street a part of the fence on said street had fallen down—that on Thursday last the Street Commissioner and the Contractor had [5] been arrested at the suit of Mr. Varick; and praying the order of the Board thereon—whereupon the Contractor was directed to delay further proceeding during the interim of consideration, and the subject was referred to a Committee of Aldermen Brackett Underhill Mr. Stevens & The Counsel

A Petition of Thomas Scott, praying the payment of a Balance due him for paving Lombardy, Orange and State Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Street Commissioner.

The City Inspector presented a Communication, stating that a Nuisance existed on a Lot the property of Jacob Latting at the corner of Greenwich and Vandamme Streets—and recommending the same to be filled in at the public expence, the Expence to remain a lien on the property—which was read and agreed to, and the City Inspector authorized to proceed accordingly.

A Letter was received from John T. Irving and John Nitchie, Loan Officers, stating that on the sale of certain property mortgaged by Anthony L. Bleecker to the [6] Corporation, the Street Commissioner Mr. McComb on the behalf of the Corporation became a Purchaser, and it was requested that time might be given for the payment of the same—and it being now necessary for the Commissioner to place said money out at Interest, they request arrangements may be made for payment thereof—whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the Law raising the rates of Slippage, was presented & read.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well and Pump in White Street between Broad Way and Church Street —which was passed, and John Targee, Jacob C. Mott and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of 41 following Nuisances: namely

George McKay	Owner.	503	Greenwich St.	Lot
do	do	501	do	do
Jno. B. Coles Esqr	Own.	499	do	do
Latting	Owner.	Van Dam St		do
W. W. Wetmore	Agent.			
Hen. Worrell	Own. & Occ	Elm c. Hester Sts.		Privy
George Janeway	Own.	92	Pearl St	do
Mrs. Weyman	Occ.			
[7] M. Bolmer	Own.	468	do	do
J. Budsell	Occ			
M. Bolmar	Own.	470	do	do
James Cowan	Occ			
L. K. Storms,	Lessee & Occ.	477	do	do
J. Dean	Owner.	481	do	do
J. Doremus	Occup.			
P. Lorillard	Own.	482	do	do
Will. Durell	Occ.			

G. Janeway W. D. Niles	Own. Occ.	483	Pearl St.	Privy
P. Lorillard J. Cutler	Own. Occ.	484	do	do
Lucretia Whooley,	Les. & Occ.	489	do	do
Samuel Purdy William Jackson	Own. Occ.	479	do	do
J. Ackerman J. Crocket	Own. Occ.	504	do	do
C. Parker	Own. & Occ.	506	do	do
T. Egenton M. Homan	Own. Occ.	507	do	do
T. Egenton N. C. Bond	Own. Occ.	509	do	do
Will. Williams,	Les. & Occ.	528	do	do
Lewis. Platt	Own. & Occ.	533	do	do
J. Silcock	Lessee & Occ.	530	do	do
Jacob Day	do do.	532	do	do
N. Whitehead,	do do.	534	do	do
M. Nicholls Will. Miller	Own. Occ.	545	do	do
M. Nicholls Will. McFarlane	Own. Occ.	547	do	do
C. Morris	Less. & Occ.	551	do	do
[8] M. Nicholls Mrs. Fisher	Own. Occ.	549	do	do
Sam. McCauley James Barr	Own. Occ.	550	do	do
P. Kemble G. Barker	Own. Occ.	553	do	do
R. Shear R. Townsend	Own. Occ.	554	do	do
H. Ackerman T. Dixon	Own. Occ.	556	do	do
Le Count L. Palmer	Own. Occ.	557	do	do
L. Heckle	Less. & Occ.	558	do	do
D. Ensley M. Hill	Own. Occ.	559	do	do

Abraham Stagg,	Own	Delancy St.	Lot.
George Little	do	do	do
Jacob Warner	do	do	do
John Hopper	do	do	do
Thomas Lovett	do	do	do
C. Finch	do	do	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

A Petition from the Watchmen of 1st district for appointment of Henry Leake as Captain in place of Michael Norris deceased. A Petition from Henry Leake for said appointment. Petitions from William Bull and Jacob Parsells for said appointment—and of Calvin Griswold for appointment as Assistant to Captain of Watch—were severally read.

[9] The following Persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:) namely

"Fire Engine Company, No. 3."

Jno. D. Stevenson, Grocer, Moore c. Water, 1 ward; vice Jno. Van Bussom, Resign'd

Rich. Jones, Shoe Mr, 35 Nassau St, 3 ward, vice Mordecai Homan, Dismissed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 9."

Jno. Matthew, Accountt, 9 South St., 1 ward, vice James Bogart, Resigned.

Rob. Tyrell, Printer, 14 New St, 1 ward, vice Jno. Ball Jr. Expelled.

Hen. Stuart, Account, 10 William St. 1 ward, vice Adam Miller, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 22."

Jno. Robins, Ship Wt—49 Oliver St. 4 ward, vice Will. Murphy, Resigned.

M. Hemmeneway, Ship wt—155 Banker St. 7 ward, vice David Lyons, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 30."

Pet. Westerfield Jr. Cooper, Third St. 10 ward, vice Nich. Romaine, Departed.

The Street Commissioner, on the subject of Encroachments on Streets, Reported:

"That in time past, from inattention or otherwise, divers Buildings and Fences have been erected within the City in such a manner as to stand partly on the Public Streets and Roads, and from tenderness to the possessors of the adjoining property, these encumbrances [10] have been suffered to continue for many years, with the intent that when such buildings &c. should decay, the Public Ways which were obstructed might be opened and extended—And whereas in many instances where these indulgences have been allowed, the occupiers have claimed by possession the premises so enclosed, whereby the public have been deprived of their right, and have been compelled to purchase the premises which in justice they are the owners of

"The Street Commissioner would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of an application being made to the Legislature to pass a Law, declaring that no length of possession whatever of any part of any public Street, Road, Way within the said City so encroached upon, shall be available to bar or prevent the correction and removal of any Nuisance by Buildings, Enclosures or otherwise, which have been or may be erected or made within or upon any Street, Road or Way within the City and County of New York."

&c. &c. &c.

(sign'd) John M^cComb
St. Commiss^r

which Report was approved, and the Counsel was directed to prepare a Memorial and Bill accordingly.

[11] The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a Memorial to the Legislature and a corresponding Bill, praying a Law may be passed requiring the Commissioner of Excise in this City to give Security for the payment of Money received for Tavern Licences —which was approved, and directed to be engrossed and forwarded to the Legislature.

He also presented a Memorial and Bill relative to Assessments, and also a Memorial and Bill relating to closing Streets—which were referred to Alderman Brackett Messieurs Stevens Van Amringe and The Counsel

The Counsel presented a Surrender of a Lease of Two Lots of Ground in Augustus Street from Samuel Tooker to the Corporation and also a Lease of the same Lots from the Corporation to Samuel Tooker for Twenty One years from the 1^st^ of May next—Whereupon, it was resolved that the Surrender be accepted and that the Lease be duly executed.

He also presented a Deed to John Low for certain Land at Bloomingdale which was sold on the 20th of February [12] last at Auction by order of the Corporation and purchased by him—Whereupon, the Deed was directed to be executed.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented a Report on the subject of extending the Fire Limits—which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee on Assessments, on the Petition of J. Clermont for relief from an assessment of 50 dollars for personal tax for the year 1817, Reported:

"That they have reason to believe the petitioner is unable to pay said assessment, as, by his Affidavit hereunto annexed, he solemnly swears, that at no period of his residence in the United States has he been possessed of or worth Ten thousand dollars, the sum for which he is assessed—nor of any property whatever except wearing apparel or occasional supplies of Money for subsistence.

"In consideration therefore of the circumstances of the petitioner, he having arrived in this country insolvent, and being ignorant of the laws of this state which provide that the books of the Assessors shall remain open for the space of ten days, for the inspection of all concerned, the Committee respectfully recommend, that the Comptrol- [13] ler direct the Collector of the 5th Ward to release the property of the said Clermont from seisure on his paying the cost accruing thereon, and that he return the amount of said Tax as insolvent."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" John Remmey
" Sam. Stevens

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, Comptroller and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Garrit Abeel and others for a Basin between Catharine and James' Slips, Reported:

"That they have examined the aforesaid Premises, and believe nothing can be more to the interest of our Citizens than to give all the encouragement that is in our power to induce Coasters and Market Boats to come to our City.

"Your Committee unanimously recommend, that the Corporation take the Water East of Oliver Street to Catharine Slip on the East River for a public Slip for the better accommodation of Market Boats that ply in this Vicinity from various parts of our Country.

"Your Committee recommend further that the Street Commissioner, [14] be, and is hereby authorized to contract for and have

built a Pier at the foot of Oliver Street, extending to the permanent line with an Ell tending East Thirty feet.

"Your Committee have estimated the Expence, that will occur in consequence of this improvement, at a Sum not exceeding Twelve thousand Dollars, and that the Counsel of the Board be directed to take such measures as are proper and legal to vest in this Corporation all the rights of any person or persons claiming the Dock, Bulkhead or Pier within and adjoining the said premises—and that he, in advertising for proposals to build said Pier, direct that Estimates be made in the usual way, and also for building the Block at the end of the same of stone."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes
" Jno. M^cComb
St. Commis.

A Motion was made that the consideration be postponed until the next meeting of the Board. The question being taken thereon, and a Division called, it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Negative Aldermen Brackett Underhill [15] Holmes Buckmaster, Burtis, Munson Messieurs Kip Van Amringe Remmey Akerly Taylor Allen 12

Affirmative Aldermen Coles Smith M^cQueen Thorp Mr. Stevens. 5

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee, and a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative Aldermen Brackett Underhill Holmes M^cQueen Buckmaster Burtis Thorp Munson Messieurs Kip Van Amringe Remmey Akerly Allen 13

Negative. Aldermen Coles Smith Messieurs Stevens Taylor 4

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for regulating and paving Franklin Street between [16] Orange and Elm Streets, reported in favor of the Petitioners—which was confirmed and the Street Commissioner directed to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Finance Committee, on the Memorial of John Hone and J. F. Randolph relative to a Lot in Whitehall Street, reported:

"That they have examined the same and taken into consideration the propositions therein contained.

"The Committee have no hesitation in saying that the Memorialists have claims on the liberality and indulgence of the Board, and are satisfied that the erection of the contemplated building would put them to much expence and inconvenience which were not expected at the time of the original purchase by the memorialists: but it must also be admitted on the other hand that it would be unreasonable and unjust that they should derive benefit at the public expence from the non-improvement of this lot of ground by the Corporation.

"Under all the circumstances it is proposed that, as these gentlemen are willing to become the purchasers thereof, the said lot be sold to them for Twelve hundred dollars—the money to be paid within 15 days from the date of this report—and provided that [17] the memorialists immediately after making the purchase proceed to put up a neat and sufficient fence on the front of said lot, or to erect a fire-proof building thereon.

"and therefore that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to desist from making any improvement on said lot, till it shall be ascertained whether the terms aforesaid are acceptable."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Thomas and William Benton, relative to the purchase of a Lot at the corner of Wall and Nassau Streets, reported:

"That there does not appear to the Committee any good reason why the Board should depart from the rule of selling their property at public Sale (should it be determined to dispose of the aforesaid lot,) nor why the petitioners should have a preference over other persons in purchasing.

"If, as is asserted by the petitioners, the lot lately purchased by them is very much depreciated in value by the improvement of Nassau [18] Street; it is not these persons who should complain—as the improvement in the street was made years before they purchased. It is well known also, that the deed accepted by them from the former owners (the heirs of the Gardner Estate) does not bound their Lot in Nassau Street, nor is it believed by the Committee that the petitioners, at the time of purchasing, had any idea of gaining an interest in the lot of ground in question, by making said purchase.

"The reason set forth in the petition, that the lot can be of little use to any person but themselves on account of its width, is altogether unfounded, as, instead of fourteen feet, it is, by actual measurement, twenty one feet in front.

"What is proper to be done with this piece of ground, your Committee are not at present prepared to say—but as respects the application now under consideration, they unanimously recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be rejected."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly
" Leonard Kip

which Report was approved.

[19] The Finance Committee, on the Comptroller's Report of the probable receipts and expenditures of the coming year, Reported:

"That they have considered with due attention a subject of so much interest to the public.

"It is their opinion that several items placed on the list of Ways and Means ought not to be counted on for the present. It is not probable that the property, either at Varick's or the Albany Basin will produce funds to meet the expences of the current year, in the opinion of the Committee, nor should any reliance be placed on the proposed additional Tax on Tavern Licences, or a tax on Pleasure Carriages. It is uncertain whether the Board would sanction such a proposition: and, even if they did, it is believed that Legislative interference would be necessary to carry it into effect.

"On these subjects, however, the Committee will shortly have the honor of laying their opinions before the Common Council for consideration.

"In the mean time they beg leave to state that it appears to them proper to ask for a larger amount by way of tax than is by the Comptroller proposed: and they therefore [20] recommend that application be made, in the usual manner, to the Legislature for the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be raised by Tax on the City and County."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reuben Munson
" Steph. Allen.

The question being taken on agreeing to the said Report, and a Di-

vision having been called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative. Aldermen Coles Brackett Underhill Smith Burtis Thorp Munson Messieurs Stevens Kip Van Amringe Taylor Allen 12

Negative. Aldermen Holmes M^cQueen Buckmaster Messieurs Remmey Akerly 5

A Memorial and Corresponding Bill to the Legislature, to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty to raise money by tax, presented by the Counsel was agreed to.

The Committee on the subject of Vac- [21] cination presented a Report, which was read and referred back to the same Committee.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the subject of the Sewer in Broad Street, Reported:

"That at present it will be best to clear out the Drain as requested by the Petitioners—as it would require a considerable time before an Arrangement could be made for constructing a permanent Sewer

"Therefore recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to cause the Drain on the Easterly Side of Broad Street to be opened and cleared out as far as may be found necessary—and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to that effect."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John M^cComb
Street Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The Committee on Wharves, Comptroller and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Elbert Anderson, David Board and Henry Heiser, presented a Report—which was referred back to the same Committee.

[22] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for paving the Side walks of Greenwich Street from Watts Street to Spring Street, and of Spring Street from Washington Street to Clark Street—reported favorably of the same, so far as not to interfere with Canal Street—which was approved.

A Resolution, directing the Comptroller and Street Commissioner to treat with the Owners of the property to be taken for the contemplated Public Basin or Slip between James and Catharine Slips—and a similar Resolution respecting the Slip between Roosevelt Street and James Slip—were presented, and referred to the Counsel for his opinion as to the legality of the Procedure.

On Motion of Alderman Buckmaster, Thomas Walton, Captain of the Watch of the Second District, was transferred to the First district as Captain of the same, in place of Michael Norris deceased. Reuben Clark was appointed Captain of the Watch of the Second district in place of Captain Walton transferred; and George Reynolds was appointed Assistant to the Captain of the Second district.

The Comptroller presented the sealed [23] proposals which he had received for the Lease of the Public Wharves and Slips for the ensuing year—whereupon the Lobby was cleared, and

The Doors closed.

The Several proposals were opened and examined, and, it appearing that the Proposition of Daniel M. Hitchcock offering the sum of Forty two thousand Seven hundred and fifty Dollars was the highest—Thereupon it was Resolved that a Lease of the Public Docks and Slips, for one year from the First of May next, be given to said Daniel M. Hitchcock, he securing the payment of the said sum of $42,750—in quarterly payments, the Sureties to be approved by the Mayor & Comptroller.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 2d ins	$1063.06
Received for Common Lands	15,873.09
" " Tax 1817—3d, 4th, 9th, and 10th wards	10,365.00
Received for First Street	2000.00
" " Streets	4400.00
" " Wells & Pumps	100.00
" " Canal Street	500.00
" " Excise	200.00
" " Mayoralty Fees	142.25
	34,643.40

[24] 22 Accounts Audited.

J. Anderson, Watch 1st dist	1118.25
Walton & Hibberd, do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, do. 3d do	413.00
Jacob Radcliff Esqr. Salary as Mayor—18 Jany. to 2d ins.	875.00
Jesse Dowe, Carriage Hire, 4 and 6 instants	26.00
Jno. Steele, portion of Fine as Informer against Pawnbroker	25.00
Edward Doughty, Surv. & Maps 10 ward—balance	289.50
Burrell Brown, Award for First Street	1038.00
Corporation St. Stephen's Chch. Award for First Street	788.47
John Andriesse—Award for First Street	616.52

Corporation of Methodist Chch. Award for First Street...	590.11	
James Warner, Award for First Street.....	361.99	
Peter G. Stuyvesant, Award for First Street.....	350.95	
Catharine Romaine, Award for First Street.....	97.80	
Benjamin Birdsall, Account Iron fence round the Park....	1000.00	
Devisees of A. K. Beekman, decd, Award for Collect, Walker, Pump and Rynder Streets.....	248.75	
[25] John Culbert, on account for paving Oliver Street....	100.00	
John Sloan, on account for regulating Bleecker St.....	100.00	
Jac. C. Mott, Self and Colleagues. making Assessments....	489.00	
John Anderson, 4th & last instal. bulkhead, Fulton St. N. River	1300.04	
R. F. Muller, for Bond and Interest in full.....	9471.53	
Richard Furman, Superint. of the Alms House.....	4000.00	=23,982.41
		10,660.99
Deduct 25 per ct. on Amount of Property sold 20 Feb. 1818—Carried to Acct. Sinking Fund.....		9,373.83
	Balance	$=1,278.16

Adjourned to Wednesday next, 4 o'clock.

[26] In Common Council March 11. 1818.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esquire, Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Jos. Warren Brackett	W. F. Van Amringe
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Akerly
Eldad Holmes	Jacob B. Taylor
Thos. R. Smith	Effing. Schieffelin
Rob. McQueen	Nehem. Allen
Arthur Burtis	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Common Council, that agreeably to the Charter of the City it is made his duty to appoint a Deputy Mayor, who in his absence or in case of his sickness may supply his place: that being about to leave the City for a short time he had availed himself of the authority vested in him by the Charter to appoint a Deputy Mayor, and had issued a commission to that effect to Thomas R. Smith Alderman of the 5th Ward, to which appointment the sanction of the Governor, as by the Charter is provided, had been given. The Commission to Alderman Smith under the signature of

the Mayor & Seal [27] of Mayoralty being dated the 3d day of March instant, and the approbation of his Excellency Dewitt Clinton Governor of the State dated the 7th day of March instant, were read. The Oaths, as prescribed by Charter and the Laws, were then administered to Alderman Smith by the Mayor in the presence of the Common Council.

A Memorial of Daniel Mosher, to be appointed a Wood Inspector, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Memorial from the Society established for the prevention of Pauperism, stating that agreeably to the Constitution of said Society the Corporation are entitled to appoint Five members of their body, who when so appointed are Members of the Board of Managers of said Society, and stating they hope that the Corporation will so far give their countenance to the Society as to appoint Five Managers agreeably to the Constitution. Whereupon the said Memorial was referred to the Committee heretofore appointed on the subject of the Poor.

The Committee, to whom at the last Meeting were referred the Memorials & Bills laid before the Board by the Counsel [28] with an intent to be presented to the Legislature—reported that they had examined the same, and now present them to the Board without amendment. Whereupon the following Memorials & Bills were approved and directed to be transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany—Namely—An act to authorize the Mayor &c. to raise money by tax—An act relative to the opening and enlarging Streets in the City of New York—and an Act authorizing the Mayor, Alderman, &c. to close Streets and Roads

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the Resolution (dated) to extend the Fire Limits, Reported on the 9th Instant—which was to day called up and read as follows:

"That they have taken the subject under their peculiar consideration and believe it proper to extend the limits, but your Committee are aware when they are about protecting the City against fire that they should not go so far as to embarrass improvements, and therefore believe it the most proper to recommend small additions to the limits from time to time as the City increases—therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

"Resolved—that application be made to the Legislature at their [29] present Session to extend the limits against the erection of Wooden buildings so as to commence at the East River at the foot of Montgomery Street—up Montgomery to Cherry—thence thro' Cherry

to Clinton—thence up Clinton to Harman—thence through Harman to Catharine—through Catharine to Chatham—thence down Chatham to Pearl—thence thro' Pearl to Elm—thence thro' Elm to Walker—thence thro' Walker to Beach—thence thro' Beach to the Hudson River, including also the Lots of ground fronting on both sides of said Streets through which the above-mentioned line runs—and including also the Lots of ground fronting on both Sides of Broadway up to Art Street—and that the Counsel present a Bill for that purpose agreeable to the present Law to the Legislature."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Robert McQueen
" A. L. Underhill

which Report was approved and the Counsel, agreeably to the request of the Committee, presented a Memorial to the Legislature and the draught of a Law entitled "An Act in addition to an Act for the more effectual prevention of fires in the City of New York—which was approved and directed to be transmitted to the Legislature.

[30] The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Barry praying remission of penalty incurred under the Fire Law, reported:

"That they consider the case of the petitioner as peculiarly hard, and therefore recommend that the fine be remitted on payment of costs."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Robert McQueen
" A. L. Underhill

which Report was approved.

A Petition of J. Andriese and Catharine Romaine, praying payment of a sum awarded to the Owners of a lot, taken for opening First Street, which belonged to them, but was returned as belonging to persons unknown—was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

The Counsel, to whom was referred the Resolutions respecting the establishing of Public Basins between Roosevelt Street and Catharine Slip and between James Slip and Catharine Slip, reported:

"That he has examined the Law relative to the powers of the Corporation to take possession of the Piers and Dock between Roosevelt Street and James Slip, for the purpose of forming a public Slip or Basin.

[31] "That by the 219 Section of the Act relative to the City of

New York the Corporation are authorized to take possesion of the "Ground of any person," which may be required for the purpose of forming a Slip. The question therefore which presents itself is whether the property which is required is ground belonging to any person.

"The land under water between the Piers still belongs to the Corporation: the Dock in front of it is a Street or highway; and the Piers on each side are erected on the ground of the Corporation—individuals, however, are entitled to the Wharfage, which may be received from them. All the interest therefore which it is necessary to extinguish is the right of receiving wharfage. This interest is an incorporeal hereditament, or in other words is a right, not to the soil or the land, but to a privilege attached to it growing out of the land.

"As the ground, therefore, does not belong to individuals, and as the power vested in the Corporation is only to take possession of the "ground of any person" it follows that they have not the power of extinguishing the right of individuals to the wharfage.

"By the 227 Section of the same Act it is further provided [32] that the Corporation may lay out Slips or Basins, wherever they may think proper, but it also provides that nothing therein contained shall be so construed as to deprive any person of any private right or property which they may have acquired, or to interfere with any private property or right or privilege held under grants of the Corporation or otherwise—the power therefore of divesting the owners of their property cannot be derived from this Section.

"The Counsel is therefore of opinion that the Corporation do not possess the power of taking possession of the premises for the purposes for which they are required."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

The Resolution respecting the Basin between James and Catharine Slips was called up and amended, as follows:

"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be directed to treat with the owners or parties interested in ground to be taken by this Board to lay out the Wharf or Slip between the foot of Oliver Street and Catharine Slip and to report to this Board."

On the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called by Alderman Smith, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

[33] Affirmative. 11 Aldermen Coles Underhill Holmes Smith McQueen Burtis Munson Messieurs Van Amringe Akerly Schieffelin Allen

Negative. 5. Aldermen Brackett Thorp Messieurs Stevens Taylor & Mr Recorder.

The Resolution for laying out a Public Slip between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip, which had been referred to the Counsel, was called up, read, amended and agreed to, as follows:

"Whereas it is expedient that a public Slip should be laid out on the East River, and that the ground lying and being on the South Side of Front Street between Front Street and the permanent line so called, and between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip should be taken for that purpose

Therefore—"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner and Comptroller be and hereby are authorized to treat with the said owners and parties interested in the said ground for the same, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and that they report to this Board."

[34] The Report of the Street Committee and Street Commissioner on the opening of Oliver Street, was called up, read and agreed to in the words following: "That they have paid due attention to the subject and have caused a correct Map of this property to be made and which is herewith presented, by which it will appear that it will be necessary to take & remove all the buildings lying between the contemplated continuation of Oliver Street & Fayette Street, which space together with Fayette Street will be about 100 feet wide. Your Committee are of opinion that the improvement, if carried into effect, would be a very desirable one, as it would open another direct communication between the Bowery & the River, add much to the beauty and convenience of that part of the City & to the value of the property in Oliver Street. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted & the contemplated improvement carried into effect—provided that Oliver Street be opened to the width of 60 feet from Bancker Street to Chatham Square aforesaid and arrangements made with the proprietors of property on the Easterly side of Fayette Street to advance on front of the easterly line of the contemplated Oliver Street."

(signed) E. Holmes } Street Com.
" J. Remmey }
" Jno. M^cComb. St. Com^r

And the Counsel directed to take legal measures therefor.

Mr. Van Amringe moved that the Board take up the consideration of the Law relative to the Sweeping Chimnies &c. which was agreed to. Alderman Thorp then moved that the further consideration thereof

be postponed until the third Monday in May next. The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative. Mr. Van Amringe gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration of the Vote on the said question.

[35] The following Resolution was presented by Alderman Smith, and agreed to:

"Resolved that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the case of Fourth Street be requested to assess to this Corporation the value of a certain Lot or Gore of land at the intersection of the Bowery and Fourth Street, belonging to the heirs of John Norman, in order that the Corporation may become possessed of the same."

Upon the verbal representation of the Counsel, it was moved that the communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of encroachments on Streets and Roads, which had been agreed to at the last meeting of the Board, be reconsidered—which having been unanimously agreed to, the same was reconsidered and directed to be laid on the Table.

On motion of Alderman Brackett, Resolved—that a Committee be appointed to take the opinion of Counsel, in addition to that of the Counsel of the Board, respecting the powers given to the Corporation by the Law of the State in relation to Wharves, Piers and Slips. The Committee appointed were Aldermen Brackett Smith Holmes

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock

[36] In Common Council March 16. 1818.

Present. Thos. R. Smith, Esq. Deputy Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
J. Warren Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Stephen Allen
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of William Cairns for permission to construct a Vault in the Street in Park Place, was read and granted on usual terms.

A Petition of James W. Lent, requesting permission to deposit Materials in Water and Broad Streets for purpose of a dwelling

house he was about erecting—A Petition from Samuel Disbrow and others owning lots fronting on Market Street between Lombardy and Henry Streets, requesting permission to occupy one half of the Street for the purpose of depositing [37] Building Materials thereon to be used for buildings they are about erecting—were severally read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

A Petition of Daniel Perrin for Stall No. 19 Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Jane Renwick, Administratrix of William Renwick deceased, was received, stating that a Lot owned by the Estate of said Renwick at the corner of Greenwich and Canal Streets is directed to be paved—that that part of the street is not yet regulated, and therefore the paving of the same at the present time is not proper: and praying relief—whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Charles Day, for appointment of Measurer of Grain —and of Henry J. Kingsland for appointment of Inspector of Stone— were read and referred to the Committee of Applications.

A Representation in behalf of a Tuscarora Indian, who has been in the City some time learning the Carpenter's [38] Trade which is considered as being of great utility among the Indian tribe to which he belongs, and recommending some pecuniary aid to be granted to him—was read and referred to Aldermen Holmes Brackett Buckmaster.

A Petition of B. Romaine was received, stating that in December last he obtained from the Corporation permission to construct a Vault in Hudson Street, but in proceeding in the Work the Workmen came across an old Vault of considerable magnitude, and which extended some distance into the street—that he proceeded to construct his vault, and after the same was nearly completed the whole, in consequence of the old vault, fell in—and praying relief—which was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John B. Fiora, praying further time for payment of an Assessment for paving and flagging Broadway, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of sundry persons, Quarrymen and Boatmen employed in the portage [39] of Stone, stating that difficulties and disputes frequently arise respecting what constitutes a Carman's Load of Stone, and recommending the creation of an Office of Inspector of

Stone and the appointment of a person to fill that Office—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition from Sundry Owners of lots, praying that Collect Street from Pearl Street to Franklin Street, and Leonard Street from Orange Street to Elm Street be regulated and paved—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey, praying that a Triangular lot of ground at the corner of Chatham and Chamber Streets, leased to them by the Corporation, may be sold to E. Anderson in Fee—was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of Stephen Whitney, Moses Jaques and John Lang, stating that they wish to improve their property in White Hall Street between Bridge and Pearl Streets, and to place those buildings on a straight line from Bridge Street—and requesting direction in the premises [40] was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Jacob Halsey and Daniel D. Wickham, praying that an Assessment for Canal Street laid upon the Church in Spring Street may be remitted—was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Remonstrance from sundry Owners of Lots against the proposed lowering of Pearl Street near Franklin Square was read.

A Petition of Benjamin U. Coles, stating that he is about erecting a Four Story Building at the corner of Broad, Pearl and Bridge Streets—that by the Survey of the Street Commissioner the line of his proposed Building fronting on Broad Street is carried off the Street and runs diagonally which will give an unsightly appearance to the Street—and praying them he may be permitted to erect his building on a line from the Northwest corner of Bridge and Broad Streets to the Southwest corner of Pearl and Broad Streets—Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee, Street Commissioner and Attorney

The Committee on the subject of Vacci- [41] nation on a Resolution relative to the expediency of extending its benefits to the poor, reported, on March 4th

"That from the personal observations of your Committee, from an intercourse with physicians and from a reference to the recorded opinions of Medical writers on the efficacy of the Kine Pock, Your Committee are led to believe that it deserves to be ranked among the greatest blessings ever bestowed upon mankind.

"So unanimous are the best informed persons in every civilized country, in this opinion, that your Committee are induced to consider the preventive powers of the Kine Pock as firmly established as the most undoubted truths in literature or science not susceptible of mathematical demonstration.

"And, it does not appear that any important discovery, whether the result of accident or research, ever met with more favorable reception in every portion of the globe. Even the system of inoculating with the small pox, when first introduced into England by Lady Montague, experienced far more opposition.

"On the propriety of this Board making provision for the further diffusion of the benefits of the Kine Pock, Your Committee would remark that [42] the Practice of Vaccination has been encouraged by legislative and Municipal bounty in every country where it has been once introduced. Your Committee instance the Acts of the British Parliament, the Imperial and Royal Decrees of the European Courts and even the Ukases of the Russian Emperor.

"The attention which has been bestowed on this subject by the Congress of the United States, and by most of the State Legislatures is too well known to require comment.

"The Poor of our City suffer particularly from the neglect of vaccination. It is therefore incumbent on the Board to make provision for them—and the most economical mode of attaining this object has been the subject of consideration by your Committee.

"They remark that the City Dispensary now receives from the Board the sum of Five hundred dollars annually, not for gratuitous vaccination, but for medical attendance on the poor, generally. And it is understood that the Remuneration (necessarily small) made to the physicians of this Establishment would be no consideration for the trouble and loss of time incident to vaccinating the poor at their places of resi- [43] dence and afterwards attending to repeat the operation, or to satisfy themselves that the disease has been communicated.

"It appears that the Institution has divided the City into Six districts, to each of which a Physician is assigned. The Committee are of opinion that thro' these physicians the benefit of vaccination should be farther extended to the poor

"And therefore recommend an annual appropriation of Six hundred Dollars (during the pleasure of the Board) to the City Dispensary, in consideration of their vaccinating the poor of the City, not only at their Public Establishment, but at the Houses of the Poor, in all cases where they wish the operation performed at their places

of abode, or where the names of persons wishing to be vaccinated may be furnished by any Member of the Corporation:

"Provided, always, that the Trustees of the Dispensary shall make to the Board an annual report of the number of persons vaccinated designating whether done at the Establishment or out of it, the Physician by whom the operation was performed, the residence of the person vaccinated, and whether the Disease was actu- [44] ally communicated."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Thos. R. Smith
" Jno. B. Coles

On which Report (which had been referred back to the Committee,) they this day Reported:

"That the physicians of the Dispensary have engaged to vaccinate all persons, being of the description in the Report referred to, who live South of the following Boundary—towit

Along the great Kill near Fort Gansevoort through Greenwich Lane to Art Street, across the Bowery, and through Stuyvesant Street to the East River.

Your Committee therefore recommend the Adoption of the annexed Report."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Thomas R. Smith
" John B. Coles
" Reuben Munson

On the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affirmative. Mr Recorder Aldermen Coles Brackett Buckmaster Munson [45] Messieurs Stevens Kip Van Amringe Remmy Taylor Allen 11

Negative. Aldermen Underhill Holmes McQueen Burtis Thorp Mr. Akerly 6

The Committee of Laws, to whom was referred the Petition relative to appointing an Inspector of Shingles and an Inspector and Measurer of Cut Stone and Lath. Reported:

That the object of the same is proper for the general interest of the City, and that they recommend that the Counsel do draft a Memorial to the Legislature for a Law to authorize the appointment of such officers—Whereupon, the same was directed to be referred to the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel for his opinion whether the

Corporation did not possess the right to create and appoint such officers without a Law of the State to that effect.

The Committee on Public Lands, on the Petition of the New York Free School, Society for the use of a Room, Reported, as follows:— That they

"have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition [46] should be granted.

"The petitioners pray to be allowed the use of the upper part of the Engine House at Greenwich for two years, for the purpose of extending the benefits of the Free School Establishment to the Inhabitants of Greenwich.

"The Committee, deeming the subject of education to be of the utmost importance to the present as well as to future generations, consider the application of the Trustees of the New York Free School as deserving of notice, and the object worthy of encouragement.

"The Room over the Engine House above referred to being unoccupied, your Committee think that it cannot be appropriated to a better purpose for the present than to employ it for the purposes of Education. Wherefore they recommend that a lease be given to the Trustees of the New York Free School of the room over the Engine House at Greenwich for two years from 1st May 1818."

(signed) Arthur Burtis
" Robt McQueen
" Jacob B. Taylor

which Report was approved.

[47] The Road Committee, on the Communication of Robert Latimer wishing to abandon his Contract for the 8th Avenue, Reported:

"That they have had the same under consideration and are fully of the opinion that said Latimer should be released from his engagements, and be paid Two thousand dollars upon giving up his Contract and signing a Receipt in full for his claims in working the Eighth Avenue. The Committee are led to recommend this course of proceeding from the following considerations.

"From the best information and a personal knowledge of Mr. Latimer, your Committee believe that he is an industrious and hard working man, willing but unable to complete his contract for the want of means. It appears also that he has been led into erroneous calculations and a dependence upon promises of aid which were never fulfilled. It being impossible for him to proceed, and having given no

security, there is no other course left for the Corporation than to accept of his abandonment and compromise with him.

"With respect to the amount of Two thousand Dollars, as [48] proposed to be given on settlement, your Committee have made the following Calculation.

"The Contract for working the Eighth Avenue was Fifteen Thousand dollars. Mr. Latimer has finished, and the Committee with the Street Commissioner have accepted rather more than one third of said Avenue. Five thousand five hundred dollars have been paid the Contractor, and being now unable to proceed, he claims Four thousand dollars for work done on other parts of the Avenue not accepted, but your Committee have estimated that about Two thousand dollars would be in proportion to the Contract for the whole, and as he has finally concluded to accept of Two thousand instead of Four thousand, a settlement with him is accordingly recommended, and that a Warrant pass in favor of the Street Commissioner for Two thousand dollars to effect the same.

"Your Committee would farther recommend in order to complete the Eighth Avenue, that the Work should be contracted for on small portions of it at a time, and that for the ensuing season not more than Twenty five hundred [49] dollars be appropriated for said Avenue."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" George B. Thorp
" John McComb
St. Comm^r

which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report the Warrant therein recommended.

The Alms House Committee, on the subject of extending the ground of that Establishment, Reported:

"That they have enquired into the subject, and are of opinion that the limits of said Establishment should be extended westward to the Second Avenue, and be bounded southwardly by 24th Street and northerly by 28th Street. By this extension of the boundaries about seven acres of ground must be taken belonging to individuals who are unable or unwilling to sell.

"Your Committee having examined the premises and enquired into its value, have concluded from the roughness of the ground and the opinion of well informed persons that one thousand dollars per acre would be an ample price for the same.

"Wherefore they recommend that the Counsel be directed to apply [50] to the State Legislature for authority to extend the limits of the Alms House Establishment at Bellevue, to be bounded by 24th Street on the South—by the 2d Avenue on the west—and by 28th Street on the north."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly.
" Geo. B. Thorp
" John McComb St. Commr

which was approved, and the Counsel directed to prepare the necessary Memorial and Bill.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of Richard Varick, presented a Report—which was read and laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Comptroller respecting the Lot of ground in William Street belonging to the Corporation, Reported:

"That application to rent the same having been made by Jane and Cornelia Ammerman, relatives of the late Mrs. De Groot, for the ensuing year at the rate of Two hundred dollars per annum, [51] in their opinion the said offer should be accepted, provided they also pay all taxes and repairs, and give such security for the rent as shall be approved of by the Comptroller within fifteen days from the present time."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of Magdalen Eagles, praying relief from an assessment on her property for opening Canal Street, reported:

"That they have long considered the principle as conclusively established that the Corporation, as the agents of the parties damaged or benefitted by opening or improving Streets, are not bound either by justice or equity to remit any assessment imposed for that purpose.

"The present case however in the opinion of your Committee, claims the sympathy and commiseration of the Board. The Petitioner states, that she is now in the 76th year of her age; that she is the widow of Thomas Eagles, a Soldier of the Revolution; and that she

is utterly incapable of doing [52] any thing for her subsistence, and has no dependence except the small income amounting to about one hundred dollars per year derived from the property assessed.

"The Committee candidly confess, that the veneration they feel for the heroes of our Revolution, whose exertions, privations and sufferings have effected the elevated situation of this country, and thro' whose means under providence we enjoy all the comforts and privileges of which human nature is susceptible, has had a strong influence on their minds in forming an opinion on this subject. The widow of a Revolutionary Soldier, therefore, who is now in years more than threescore and ten, will not appeal in vain to the philanthrophy of the gentlemen composing this Board who, as she truly says, "would rather add to, than diminish her comforts."

The Committee respectfully recommend that a Warrant pass for Thirty dollars to be applied to the payment of the assessment on the property of Magdalen Eagles for opening Canal Street."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Arthur Burtis
" Samuel Stevens
" John B. Coles
" Eldad Holmes

[53] which Report was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas B. Clark, reported:

"That the prayer of the petition is reasonable and will not interfere with the regulation of Lombardy Street—wherefore they recommend that the house of the petitioner be allowed to remain as it stands till the 1st of May 1819, and that the money awarded him remain in the Treasury till that time, and the house immediately thereafter be removed as required for the regulating of Lombardy Street."

(sign'd) G. Buckmaster
" Samuel Akerly
" John McComb St. Commr

which Report was approved.

The Road Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for opening a part of the 10th Avenue from its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road near 143d Street to its intersection with the Kingsbridge Road, reported that it would at this time

be improper to grant the request of the Petitioners—which was approved.

[54] The Committee, to whom the subject of regulating Franklin Square was referred, reported:

"That they have carefully considered the subject, and are fully of opinion that it will be proper at this time to alter the present pavement so as to conform to the late alteration at the intersection of Pearl and Cherry Streets, and which will reduce the surface opposite Frankfort Street perhaps Eighteen inches—from thence to the Pump towards Peck Slip—the pavement to be taken up, and reduced as low as may be consistent with the preservation of the present Side Walks

"And they respectfully recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance to that effect.

"At the same time it is their opinion that if Frankfort Street should be widened and straightened, as is contemplated at some future day, and Dover Street altered and widened, the owners of property in that part of Pearl Street would find it to their interest to have the street lowered, so as to form a direct line of elevation from Ferry Street to Hague Street."

(sign'd) J. W. Brackett
Eldad Holmes
[55] " Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" John McComb St. Commr

which Report was approved.

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, to whom it had been referred to treat with the Owners of property required for the contemplated Slips between Oliver Street and Catharine Slip and between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip, presented a Report—which was read and laid for consideration.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Franklin Street from Orange Street to Elm Street, and an Ordinance for regulating and paving Water Street from Clinton Street to Corlaer's Street—which were passed, and Jacob C. Mott, John Brower and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors in the former, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower in the latter.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessments for opening Canal Street, whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

[56] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following 29 Nuisances—namely:

T. Miller	Agt.	87	Cross Street	Privy
Thomas Proctor	Own.			
A. Cox	Own.	72	Forsyth St.	do
O. Hicks	Occ.			
Wm Few Esqr	Own.	16	Doyer St.	do
J. Knowland	Occ.			
Will. Beaty and Gage Reynolds	Les. & Occ.	20	Lumber St.	do
J. Quackenbos	Own.	48	Chrystie St.	do
J. Coenhoven	Occ.			
J. Quackenbos	Own.	50	do	do
B. F. Sloat	Occ.			
Will. Cruikshank	Own.	13	Pell St	do
P. Heiser	Occ.			
J. S. Douglass	Exec	23	do	do
E. Colles and A Nesbit	Occupants			
S. Downing	Own. & Occ.	28	do	do
B. Disbrow	Own.	30	do	do
Will. Baldwin	Occ.			
C. Crolius	Own.	32	do	do
H. Brown	Occ.			
Mrs. Garrigan	Own.	34	do	do
Mary Low	Occ.			
Will. Meyers	Own.	1	Chesnut St	do
B. Archer	Occ.			
Mrs. M. Brown	Own.	10	do	do
E. Palmer	Occ.			
Mr. Leggett	Own.	11	do	do
T. Hawkins	Occ.			
[57] Mr. Taylor	Own.	13	Chesnut St	do
H. Hamilton	Occ.			
Jas. Gray,	Lessee & Occ.	18	do	do
Mrs. S. Callard	Own.	20	do	do
G. Adams	Occ			
S. Frost	Lessee	27	do	do
J. C. Wright	Occ.			

A. Carman, President of the Mutual Relief Society	Lessee	9	Orange St	Privy.
John Scarlet	Occ.			
L. F. Vultee	Own.	13	do	do
P. Maxwell	Occ.			
J. Bingham	Own.	14	do	do
A. Roach	Occ.			
T. Miller	Own.	17	do	do
A. Stevenson	Occ.			
R. Furman, Guardian of the Estate of Robt. & Mary Beattie	Own.	19	do	do
Will. Currie	Occ.			
P. Mahan,	Own. & Occ.	21	do	do
D. Hutchins,	do do	23	do	do
J. R. Livingston	Own.	31	do	do
J. Collens	Occ.			
R. Dickerson	Own.	33	do	do
T. Wilson	Occ.			
R. Dickerson	Own.	35	do	do
Will. Edmonds	Occ.			

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspec

which Ordinances were passed.

[58] The following person was appointed Fireman, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancy) Fire Eng. Comp. N° 23.

Jno. Eagles, Dry Good Merch, 130 Chatham S. 6 w^d vice Benjamin Griffin, Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report respecting Stoops:

"That some time since an Ordinance was passed limiting the height of stoops and Steps to five feet—which having been found to be a useful regulation

" The undersigned respectfully suggests the propriety of amending the law relating to stoops, steps &c. so as to describe the height."

(sign'd) John McComb.
Street Comm^r

which was approved, and the Attorney in the absence of the Counsel was directed to report an amendment to the Law agreeably thereto.

A Presentment of the Jury of the City and County at the Sessions on 14th March against the running at large of dogs, and also a Representation of the state of the City Prison and Debtor's Gaol which they had visited, which they represented as highly creditable to the Keeper—were read and laid on the Table.

[59] A Resolution was presented by Mr. Stevens directing the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance at the next meeting of the Board for the paving of South Street between Peck Slip and Dover Street—which was agreed to.

Mr. Van Amringe, agreeably to notice given at the last meeting, moved that the Board reconsider the vote taken on the motion of Alderman Thorp to postpone the consideration of the Law respecting the appointment of a Superintendant of Sweeps until the Third Monday in May next. The question of agreeing to reconsider being taken, it was carried in the Affirmative. It was then moved, that the subject be referred to the former Committee on that subject. The question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative—A Motion was then made for adjournment till Monday next 4 o'clock and carried

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 9 ins	$1287.16	
Received of Justices Police Off	345.81	
" for Tavern Licences	58.50	
" " Common Lands	371.72	
" Tax 1817—3 & 5 wds	5055.00	$7118.49

[60] 12 Accounts Audited.

Jos. S. Webb, repairing 42 Watch Caps—1 district	7.25	
Phil. Becannon, Bread Inspec 1 Quarter Salary—10 inst	94.90	
Rob. Provoost, painting & glazing lamps in Feby	73.84	
Abr. Storm, repairs Piers No. 1 East River and Dey St	22.63	
Elish. W. King, Int. on bond 1 year, 1 Feb. 1818	128.45	
R. Munson Esq. 16 Casks Oil bought of Mr. Crosby	1186.15	
A. Wright, G. Furman, & P. Hawes, Commrs of Estimate ground at Beekman Slip	372.00	
Pet. De Baum, regs Hudson St. from Charlton to Christopher St	1000.00	
Jas. Meghan, pav. Greenwich St. from Hamersly to Christopher St	1000.00	
J. Culbert, pav. White St. from Broad way to Elm St	100.00	
Hugh Smith, pav. Orange St. from Bayard to Pump St	100.00	
Chs. Mooney, pav. Cross St. from Pearl to Mott Street	100.00	4185.22
	Balance	$=2933.27

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[61] In Common Council March 23. 1818.

Present. Thos. R. Smith Esq. Deputy Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Geo. Buckmaster	W. F. Van Amringe
Arthur Burtis	John Remmey
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	Jacob B. Taylor
	Effing. Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Communication was received from the Reverend John Stanford, communicating a Manuscript Copy of a Catechism composed by himself for the use of the Children in the school of the Alms House—and also requesting to be permitted to take *of* [from] the Clerk's Office occasionally one of the volumes of the Minutes of the Council to enable him to complete an historical account of the public Buildings of the City which he is now engaged in—which was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

[62] A Petition of Josephine Du Bourg, a native of Saint Domingo, praying some pecuniary aid to enable her to join her husband now in France—was read and referred to the Committee of Charity, with authority to grant aid to Petitioner in a sum not exceeding Fifty dollars.

A Petition of Abraham Fisher, requesting a Licence for his son a Minor to drive a Cart—was read and referred to the Deputy Mayor, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Petition of William Pye for permission to construct a Vault in Chamber Street, and one of John Adams for a vault in the same Street, were granted on the usual terms.

A similar Petition of Elbert Anderson for a Vault in Chamber Street was granted: and a petition of Mr. Anderson to construct a Brick Cistern in the Street—was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the Heirs of John Post, for a Water Grant, and permission to sink a Bulkhead on the Lot at Corlaer's Hook belonging to the Estate [63]—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

A Petition of John Ackerman to be permitted to remove a small Frame House from the corner of Washington and Harrison Streets to the corner of Harrison Street and Rhinelander's Alley—was read and leave granted on condition that the Petitioner employed a Truck for the removal of said Building.

A Petition of Charles Caharty, for Remission of Penalty for keeping a disorderly house on Sunday, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Alexander R. Wilson, to be appointed a City Weigher, was read and granted.

A Petition of Samuel Johnson, to be appointed a Measurer of Grain, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Joseph F. Margin, praying a Loan of a Sum of money—was read and referred to the Committee on Charity.

[64] A Representation or Request of Daniel M. Hitchcock, Contractor for the Public Docks and Slips, that the payments to be made by him may be made in 4 equal Instalments, the first to commence on the 1st of November next and the last on the 1st November following—was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

A Remonstrance of Sundry Inhabitants of the First Ward residing near White Hall and Bridge Street against the alterations prayed for on said Street by Messrs. Whitney and others—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject

Namely The Street Committee and The Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of Samuel Jones of Oyster Bay in Queens' County was received, stating that he some years since ceded to the Corporation two streets in the Eigth Ward named Jones Street and Bond Street—that, by some inaccuracy of the Surveyor who run out the said Streets, the Northerly line of Jones' Street varies from the line in the Deed of Cession and is a few inches too far north on the Bowery, and about two feet too far north [65] on Broad Way—that the only buildings erected are one erected by Peter Hattrich, another by Joseph Graham, by David S. Jones and Petitioner—that the Buildings erected are upon the line of the Streets as now laid out: and praying that the South westerly corner of the building erected by said Peter Hattrich and the Southeasterly corner of the Building erected by said Joseph Graham may be considered as standing on the Northerly side of Jones Street, and that a line from Broad Way to the Bowery through those points be the future Northerly Line of that street—and that the Southerly line of Jones' Street and the lines of Bond Street be corrected in conformity to said alteration—Whereupon, it was resolved, that the prayer of said

Memorialist be granted and that the lines of the said Street be hereafter considered to run as above described and set forth.

A Petition of William Hunter and Thomas Morrell, Lessees of the Ferry at Grand Street, was received, stating that from various causes they have been unable to establish the Boats on their Ferry within the time prescribed in their lease—and praying an extension of the time. Whereupon, resolved that the Petitioners have time for 4 months from this date for placing [66] said Boats on the Ferry.

A Petition of Walter Covert was received, stating that in May last he took out a License from the Mayor to retail spirituous liquors—which license he lost; that he has been twice prosecuted for selling liquor without license and not being able to produce the License recoveries have been had against him and he has paid the fines thereon—that lately he has been able to produce testimony, which he hoped would be satisfactory to the Common Council, of his having taken out said License—and therefore prayed the monies so paid might be refunded to him. A Deposition by himself of the fact, and of John Ryan and John Wright of having seen such a License in Petitioner's possession, and of Eliza Ryan that her husband compared his License with a License of petitioner's and that they were alike—accompanied the Petition. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices and the Attorney.

The Attorney, to whom in the absence of the Counsel was referred the Report of the Committee on Laws on the subject of appointing an Inspector of Shin- [67] gles and a Measurer of Cut Stone and Laths, reported That

"The Petitioner complains of impositions practised in the measurement of hewn stone and in the sale of Marcus Lath, and prays that the same may be regulated by Law, and that a Measurer of hewnstone may be appointed and an Inspector of Lath.

"By the Charter of the City the Corporation possess the power of regulating the measuring and surveying of Commodities in the City; and also the power of passing all Laws which they may deem necessary for the good government and welfare of the City, provided such laws be not contrary to the constitution and acts of the Legislature of the state.

"It is from this general source that the Corporation have derived the power which they have always exercised, and which he has never heard doubted, of passing and enforcing several laws of a similar nature to the one required by the annexed petition viz—the Law to regulate the sale & inspection of Lime—the Law to prevent fraud in

the sale of vegetables—to regulate the sale and inspection of Firewood, Hay &c. These laws all refer to articles or commodities intended for home consumption or for the use [68] of the City.

"The Act of the Legislature, entitled an Act for the Inspection of Lumber, like all the Inspection laws of the State, applies only to such articles as are intended for exportation, and was enacted with a view only to foreign markets. It imposes no regulations on articles consumed or used in the City, and would not therefore clash with any local arrangement of the place.

"As the Petition refers to articles intended for home consumption or City use, and prays for a Law to prevent frauds and impositions practised in the sale and measurement of those articles, the Attorney is of opinion that the Corporation have the power of passing the law required without an Application to the Legislature for that purpose."

(sign'd) A. Sherman

He also, on a reference to him from the Report of the same Committee on the subject of Inspection of Shingles, reported

"That as the Law called for by the Petitioners would apply to the inspection of Shingles intended for home consumption only—and as the State laws relating to the Inspection of Lumber applies only to Lumber [69] to be exported, he is of opinion that the Corporation have the power to make the regulation required, and that in so doing they would not contravene any existing act of the Legislature or exceed the power given to them by the Charter."

(sign'd) A. Sherman.

which several Reports were approved, and it was referred to the following Committee to report Ordinances agreeably thereto, namely to Aldermen Thorp Buckmaster Kip and The Attorney, of the Board.

It was also resolved that the Committee on Laws, to whom at the last meeting was referred a Petition requesting the appointment of an Inspector of Building Stone be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to the above Committee to consider thereof, and, if they deem it advisable, to report an Ordinance regulating the same and providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Building Stone.

The Attorney agreeably to the reference to him reported the Draft of a Law entitled a "Law to amend the Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner, and to regulate [70] the paving and keeping in repair and to prevent obstructions in the Streets of the City of New York"—which was read and passed.

The Attorney presented a Communication, stating that complaints

had been made against the following persons licensed to retail spirituous liquors for permitting gaming in their houses contrary to the Recognizances entered into by them—Namely Richard Shoe Silent Graves Thomas Bartow Jno. H. Morrison
whereupon it was referred to the Committee of Laws with authority to direct prosecution, if in their opinion proper.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.)

"Floating Fire Engine Company."

Thos. Dixon, grocer, Division c. Third, 10 ward, vice William Conklin, Resigned to join the City Watch.

Sam. Parker, House Carp. 19 Oliver St. 4 ward, vice Isaac Williams, Resigned.

Sam. Bowman, painter, 33 Oak Street, 1 ward, vice Alex. Thompson, Deceased.

[71] "Fire Hose Company No. 1."

Rich. Vose, Mercht. 20 Harrison St. 5 ward, vice Joseph Eldridge, Expelled.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 9."

Will. L. Hardie, Tobacconist, 36 Water St. 1 ward, vice a Vacancy by a new place.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 11."

Hen. Lowery, Mercht. 27 Moore St. 1 ward, as an additional member.

Jno. D. Brown, Chair Mr 53 Broad St. 1 ward, as an additional member.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 22."

Jno. Covert, Ship Wrt 13 Pike St., 7 ward, vice Jno. Buckmaster, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 27."

Jotham Gathwait, Mason, 24 Spring St. 8 ward, vice Azariah Ross, Departed.

Absalom F. Randolf, Mason, 25 Spring St. 8 ward, vice Henry Howard, Chosen Fire Warden.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following 23 Nuisances:—namely

Will. Argell,	Own. & Occ.	5 Thomas St.	Privy.
L. Rooney,	Own.	48½ Duane St.	do
M. Barber	Occ.		

Mr. Smith	Own.	25	Oak Street	Privy.
Jas. Grant	Agt.			
J. Smith	Occ.			
[72] Will. Brevoort	Own.	29	Oak Street	do
M. W. Hunt	Occ.			
S. Cave,	Les. & Occ.	293	Broadway	do
W. & G. Post	Own.	313	Pearl Street	do
R. L. Murray	Occ.			
J. Clark	Own.	315	"	do
M. O'Connor	Occ.			
W. Bowne	Own.	355	"	do
C. & J. Coles	Occ.			
W. Bowne	Own.	357	"	do
S. Wood	Occ.			
J Bertine	Own.	361	"	do
E. Crane	Occ.			
J. O. Bogert	Own.	363	"	do
R. E. Mount	Occ.			
J. O. Bogert	Own.	367	"	do
J. Kissam	Occ.			
G. Effingham	Own.	393	"	do
J. Hawxhurst	Occ.			
Dr. J. Francis	Own.	413	"	do
S. Shaw	Occ.			
Dr. J. Francis	Own.	415	"	do
J. Delatore	Occ.			
J. Bogert	Own.	417	"	do
Mrs. A. Byvanck,	Occ.			
J. Bogert	Own.	419	"	do
C. Wilson	Occ.			
M. Redder	Own. & Occ.	421	"	do
Miss Gilmore	Own.	435	"	do
A. Perry	Occ.			
Miss Gilmore	Own.	435½	"	do
J. Stinefelt	Occ.			
N. Starache	Occ.	295	Broadway	do
[73] M. Leon	Own.	445	Pearl St.	do
Rev. W. Thatcher	Les			
W. Murphy	Occ.			

M. Leon Mrs. McKenzie	Own. Occ.	455½ Pearl St.	Privy.

(sign'd) G. Cuming
City Inspec

which Ordinances were passed.

The Attorney in behalf of the Counsellor presented Deeds to George Lorillard for certain Collect Lots—a Deed to John Hone for a Lot in White Hall Street—a Deed to Stephen Thorn Junior for a Lot at the Corner of Augustus and Chamber Streets—a Lease to Hart and Belden for the upper part of the Watch House in Eldridge Street —also Leases to sundry persons for the Cellars under Catharine Market—which were severally directed to be duly executed. He also presented a Lease to Daniel M. Hitchcock for the Public Wharves and Slips, and a Contract with George Lovett for building a Dock at the foot of Spring Street—which were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Anthony Street (formerly Little Water Street) from Cross Street towards Canal Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

[74] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving South Street from Peck Slip to Dover Street—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the following Assessments—for improving Franklin Square—for enlarging and improving Orange Street—for regulating and paving Orange Street from Chatham Street to Bayard Street—for paving Orange Street from Pump Street to Hester Street—for enlarging and improving Maiden Lane—for regulating and paving Mulberry Street, and for regulating and paving White Street—Whereupon, warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collection of the same.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition for paving Collect and Leonard Streets, Reported:—

"That they have duly considered the subject, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted as to regulating

the Streets—and would recommend that the Ordinances here- [75] with submitted may be passed for regulating Collect Street, and Leonard Street from Orange Street to Elm Street."

(sign'd) John Remmey
" Leonard Kip
" John McComb St. Comm^r

which Report was approved, and an ordinance for regulating Collect Street from Pearl Street to Canal Street, and an Ordinance for regulating Leonard Street from Elm Street to Orange Street, were passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for opening Willet Street, Reported—That

"The Prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted.

"Sheriff Street as well as Willett Street has been inclosed and occupied as a Nursery and Garden for a number of years.

"They therefore recommend that Sheriff and Willett Streets be opened and regulated, in order that the Occupants may not by possession acquire any rights therein—for which purpose they have directed the Street Commissioner to prepare the inclosed [76] Ordinances."

(sign'd) John Remmey
" Leonard Kip
" John McComb St. Comm^r

which was approved, and an Ordinance for regulating Willett Street from Grand Street to North Street, and an Ordinance to regulate Sheriff Street from Grand Street to North Street, were passed—and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

The Special Committee, on the Petition of David Dunham and others for an extension of their lease for the ferry at the foot of Delancey Street, recommended:

"That the Lease be so extended as to expire the same time the one does at Grand Street, which will be twenty years from August next—(your Committee understand the present lease of D. Dunham has Sixteen years yet to run.) If this should meet the approbation of

the Board, the Lease at the foot of Grand Street and the one at Delancey Street will expire at one and the same time (say) in 1838"

All which is res- [77] pectfully submitted

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Albert Burtis
" Samuel Akerly
" W. F. Van Amringe
" John B. Coles

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips and Street Commissioner, on Petition of the Heirs of John Gardner deceased complaining that the Corporation received Wharfage from the Property of the deceased, Reported:

"That they have made the necessary enquiries and state that the Corporation have not collected or authorized any such collection on aforesaid property."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" John McComb
St. Commis.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of John B. Fiora, Reported:

"That in their opinion it would be improper to make any special Arrangement in relation thereto, as such a measure would interfere with the Contracts made for paving and flagging said Street—[78] but as the case of the Petitioner appears to be a hard one, they would suggest that the Collector be instructed to use as much forbearance in this instance as is consistent with the duties of his Office."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of the Trustees of Spring Street Church, Reported: That

"The amount of the Tax is understood to be about forty Dollars, and the sum of course can be of little consequence to the funds of the Corporation: but at the same time it is believed that to remit or can-

cel the Tax might introduce a bad precedent and be followed by consequences detrimental to the public interest—and as, on the other hand, it is well known to the Committee that this Church is labouring under great pecuniary embarrassments, it is recommended that the Collector of the Tax be instructed to delay the Collection thereof till the further order of the Board." all [79] which is respectfully submitted

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of John Andariese and Catharine Romaine praying for a sum of money awarded *to* [him for] a lot on opening First Street, Reported:

"That they have examined the claims of the Petitioners so far as documents have been presented to them or information could be obtained: and the Committee have no reason to doubt the justness thereof: still as the chain of title has not been fully laid before the Committee, and as it is right that in all such cases the Board should proceed with prudence and caution, it is respectfully recommended that before this award, amounting to about One hundred and twenty dollars, is paid to the Petitioners, they execute to the Corporation a bond with good and sufficient security to be taken under the direction of the Comptroller to bear the said Corporation harmless in consequence of making said payment."

(sign'd) Smith: Kip: Allen
" Munson: Akerly

which was approved.

[80] The Committee on Wharves, on the petition of Abraham Storms presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table.

The Special Committee, on the Communication from General Clarkson on the subject of Pauperism, Reported:

"That they have had the same under consideration—but from the present limited information possessed by your Committee as to the views and plans of the Association on the subject of Pauperism, your Committee decline giving an opinion as to its probable practical advantage.

"They remark that the subject is an important one to the Corporation and the Community at large

"They therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to confer with the gentlemen composing this Association, and to report to the Board from time to time such facts and information on this subject as in their opinions will be interesting to the Corporation."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

[81] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Stephen Whitney and others presented a Report, which was read and referred back to the same Committee for further consideration.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Memorial of Richard Varick, which was presented at the last meeting and laid on the table, was called up, and after some discussion the Recorder presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that it be referred to the Street Commissioner in conjunction with Four Surveyors, two to be selected by Colonel Varick and two by the Street Commissioner in behalf of the Corporation, to ascertain and report to this Board where the true line of Bleecker Street runs and make an exhibit thereof by a Map, to be made in connection with the land of Colonel Varick adjoining Bleecker Street."
which Resolution was agreed to.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Benjamin U. Coles, relative to his Building in Broad Street, Reported:

"That they have carefully examined the subject, and are of opinion [82] that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted inasmuch as it would form a disagreeable projection into the Street when viewed in any direction, and the Petitioner has proceeded to lay the foundation of this building on the line as expressed in his deed."

(sign'd) Leonard Kip
" John Remmey
" John McComb
St. Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The Committee of Applications, on the Petition of John Johnson, for an appointment to office, Reported:

"That he is a suitable person to receive the appointment of wood Inspector, and recommend his appointment as wood Inspector for

the Thirteenth District in the place of Israel Wood whom your Committee represent as having neglected his duties and therefore recommend his removal."

(sign'd) Effingham Schieffelin
" Jacob B. Taylor.

whereupon, on motion that Israel Wood be removed from the Office of Inspector of Firewood, the Same was carried in the Affirmative: and on like Motion, John Johnson was ap- [83] pointed Inspector of Firewood for the Thirteenth District.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Messrs. Bailey and Anderson,*

[84] Resolved—that it be referred to the Committee on Assessments to examine and report a better plan for the ruling and preparing the Assessor's books for the year 1818.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Alms' house Committee to make such arrangements for the working such of the Convicts and the management of the same as may be thought proper, and report to the Board.

A Resolution on the subject of the grant of Six hundred dollars to the City Dispensary for the purpose of Vaccination, was presented by Mr. Akerly and laid for consideration.

An Invitation from the Society for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb to attend an Address to be delivered by Dr. Mitchill one of the Vice Presidents of the Society on Monday next at 4 o'clock in the Sessions' Room in the Hall was presented by Mr. Akerly and Accepted.

The Comptroller Reported: to wit

Balance in Treasury 16 ins	$2933.27
Deduct 25 per ct. on sales of Lot of ground on Whi[t]ehall St. to Jno. Hone for $1200 carried to Acct. Sinking Fund	300.00
	2633.27
[85] Warrant returned for Award to Thos. B. Clark 24 ins. for property to open Lombardy Street	600.00
Recd Commutation Alien Passengers	220.00
" Rents	4934.24
" Tax 1817—4th ward	2000.00
" Arrears of Tax	300.00
" 1st Avenue	500.00
" 10th Avenue	200.00

* Report not entered, although remainder of page was left blank for it.—Ed.

Recd 70th Street	200.00	
" 125th Street	300.00	
" Canal Street	1500.00	
" Streets	1700.00	15,087 51

17 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1 district	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd, Watch 2 district	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3 district	413.00	
W. Fish, paid Inspectors and Clerks of Election May 1817	472.00	
N. Phillips, 6 mo. Subscription National Advocate, 1 Feb. 1818	75.00	
Magdalen Eagles, payt. Assesst. Canal St. ordered 16 inst.	30.00	
Pet. Parsells, regulatg Streets at Greenwich Village	400.00	
Joseph Willoughby, Acct. regulatg Hammond Street	200.00	
Hugh Smith, Calculation of balce pavg Cliff Street	147.67	
[86] B. Hill & R. Ayres, acct. filling basin Dey Street	500.00	
Thos. Barnum, Supdng Piers 30 days to 1 March	60.00	
M. A. Ramiee, bond to Robt. Latimer Assigned & Interest	2142.30	
J. McComb, St. Comr for Robert Latimer in full, Contrct 8 Avenue	2000.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supdt Repairs, Engine house at Greenwich	380.00	
Jac. Smith Jr. Reprs to Engines Sept. 16. 1817 to March 1818	82.27	
Jac. P. Roome, Suptdt Reprs—for Repairs	650.00	
Rich. Furman, Superintdt of Alms House	5000.00	14,352.99
	Balance	$734.52

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock

[87] In Common Council March 30. 1818.

Present. Thos. R. Smith Esqr. Deputy Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Upon reading the Minutes of last meeting and in reading the Report of the Street Committee on the petition of Benjamin U. Coles, the Chairman stated that the Committee were desirous of making a

trifling alteration in their Report which was acceptable to the Petitioner, but which would not essentially vary their report. He therefore moved that the Board reconsider the said Report—which being unanimously agreed to, he then moved that the Committee might be permitted to alter their Report—which being agreed to, the Report as amended was presented to the Board and agreed to, and the Minutes of last Meeting were directed to be amended agreeably thereto.

[88] A Communication was received from J. L. Skinner, stating that he had entered into a Contract with the Corporation to complete the Upper Divisions of the Third Avenue—that there were peculiar circumstances in his case—and he requested that a Committee might be appointed to make a settlement with him. Whereupon, it was referred to the Road Committee, with authority to make a settlement with Mr. Skinner on the subject of his said Contract.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, praying the Removal of a House standing in Lispenard Street—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the Pawnbrokers, praying that the price of the Licenses may be reduced to Twenty dollars—and also praying that the proper Officer may be directed to enforce the Law respecting Pawnbrokers against persons who are acting as Pawnbrokers without Licenses, was read—Whereupon, the former part was referred to the Committee on Laws and the latter to the City Intendant.

[89] A Remonstrance against the proposed regulation of Vestry Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, that Avenue "D" may be opened and regulated from its intersection with Columbia Street until it joins the East River, was read and referred to the Road Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Shop, occupying Stall No. 37 Fly Market, and praying Stall No. 35 Catharine Market be granted to him, the present Occupant John Akly being willing to relinquish the same—A Petition from John McCready for Stall No. 35 Catharine Market—a Petition of Samuel Piercy for grant of the same Stall—and a Petition from Richard Ford for Stall No. 7 Fly Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Allaire complaining of an Assessment by the Assessors of Taxes beyond the Sum at which he ought to be assessed—was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[90] A Petition of Hugh Maxwell, for permission to construct a Vault in Hester Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the same on usual terms.

A Petition of the Keepers of Livery Stables, praying that the Stands for Hackney Carriages may be abolished—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner, with the addition of Aldermen Thorp Buckmaster & Mr Allen.

A Petition of Thomas Adams, praying permission to remove on Trucks a small Frame house from Park Place to Collect Street—was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the ward and Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner. A similar petition of Hugh Smith to remove a house from Harman Street to Lombardy Street was granted under similar directions.

A Petition was received from Samuel McCoun, stating that his Cellar had been overflowed with water from springs in the vicinity of his dwelling house [91] No. 14 Broadway—and praying permission to construct a Drain to communicate with the Drain in Beaver Street to carry off the water from his cellar—which was referred to the Street Commissioner, with authority to permit the Petitioner at his own expence and under the direction of the Street Commissioner to construct a Drain for the purpose aforesaid.

A Petition of Sundry Boatmen and others who are in the habit of bringing building and other Stone to the New York Market for sale, praying that some regulation may be made defining what shall constitute a Load of Stone—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject; namely Aldermen Thorp Buckmaster Kip and The Attorney.

A Petition of Moses Jacques, stating that he is about erecting a house in Whitehall Street and praying to be permitted to place building Materials in the Street, was referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the First Ward, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

[92] A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants in Liberty Street, praying that the Drain or Sewer leading from Liberty Street to Maiden Lane may be opened and cleansed; and a Report of the Street Commissioner, stating that he had viewed the premises and recommending that the prayer of Petitioners be granted, being read, it was resolved that Petitioners have leave, at their own expence and under the direction of the Street Commissioner, to open and cleanse said Drain.

A Petition of William A. Hardenbrook, requesting to be permitted to remain in the house, lately owned by him and conveyed to the Cor-

poration, until the removal of said house shall become necessary for the opening of the Tenth Avenue, was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

The following appointment of Fire-man was made, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company, No. 2."

Josiah Woodruff, Shoe Mr—113 Division St. 7 ward vice Robert King, Departed.

[93] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the 36 following Nuisances: Namely

Wm Vail	Own.	Broome c. Mangin.	Lot.	
Josh. Parker	do	Mangin St.	do	
Wm L. Simers	do	do	do	
Jonath. Hatfield,	do	Thompson St.	do	
" do	do	do	do	
" do	do	do	do	
" do	do	do	do	
J. Bingham	Own.	148	William St.	Privy
M. Dulex	Occ.			
A. Van Steenbach	Own.	49	Cedar St	do
J. Whittlesey	Occ.			
J. Beekman	Own.	29	Nassau St.	do
Mrs. Murray	Occ.			
A. McDonald	Own.	58	Chapel St	do
Will. Gennis [McGennis]	Occ.			
P. McGee	Own. or Less.	7	Water St	do
A. Frazier	Occ.			
S. Whitney	Own. & Occ.	25	Pearl St	do
G. Bearmaker,	Les. & Occ	77	Murray St.	do
A. Arden	Own.	49	Mulberry St.	do
J. J. Hutchenson	Occ.			
J. Gasner	Own.	94	Chatham St.	do
A. Gasner	Occ.			
J. Ball	Own.	3	Moore St	do
D. O Brien	Occ.			
Will. E. Matthews,	Own.	5	do	do
do	Occ.			
E. Smith	Own.	14	Oak St	do
E. Bendict	Occ.			
S. R. Kneeland,	Own. & Occ.	16	do	do

[94] R. Berrian	Own.	1	Roosevelt St	Privy
O. S. Balster	Occ.			
P. Conrey	Own.	11	do	do
J. Dyer	Occ.			
R. Jones	Own.	13	do	do
C. Egbert	Occ.			
Will Preston	Own.	15	do	do
do	Occ.			
S. Robins	Own.	33	do	do
J. Wheeler	Occ.			
J Cornell	Own.	35	do	do
J. B. Effets	Occ.			
—— Leight	Own.	39	do	do
A. B Brinkerhoff	Occ.			
J. Dodge	Own.	47	do	do
C. Fogerty	Occ.			
C. Bogert	Agt.	8	Frankfort St.	do
J. T. Lacey	Occ.			
C. Valleau	Own.	51	Roosevelt St	do
J. Shadden	Occ.			
S. R. Kneeland	Own.	57	do	do
S. Whitlock	Occ.			
B. Underhill	Own.	63	do	do
A. Wood	Occ.			
B. Underhill	Own.	65	do	do
Will. Hitchcock	Occ.			
G. Jackson	Own.	67	do	do
Lee Peck	Occ.			
J. Burk	Own. & Occ.	81	do	do
D. Van Orden	do do	83	do	do
	(sign'd)	George Cuming		
		City Inspec		

which Ordinances were passed.

[95] A Deed was presented on behalf of the Corporation, by the Counsel, to David Cargill for 2 Lots between the 9th and 10th Avenues, and a Lease to George De Grasse for two of the Collect Lots—which were directed to be referred to the Comptroller.

The Select Committee, to whom had been referred the request for pecuniary aid for some Tuscarora Indians, reported in favor of granting them Fifty dollars—which was approved and a Warrant was directed to issue for the same.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Benjamin Romaine, Reported:

"That they have examined the premises It appears that formerly there was a Vault under this part of the Street, and that Mr. Romaine and his Workmen were deceived in the strength of the old Work—as they built the Abutment wall of the new walled Vault on a part of the old arch—which gave way and caused the destruction of his vault.

"Mr. Romaine has not yet paid for the privilege of erecting his vault, amounting to Forty four dollars ten cents—and if the Common [96] Council should be of opinion that some relief should be given in consequence of this misfortune, they would recommend that the payment of the said $44.10 be remitted."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John McComb } St. Commr

which was read, and, on the question of agreeing thereto, it passed in the Negative: and it was referred to the Street Commissioner to examine the situation of that part of Duane Street.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Elbert Anderson to build a Cistern in Chamber Street, Reported:—

"That they are of opinion that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted on the usual terms, provided it is constructed of Brick or Stone and secured as the Street Commissioner may direct."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John McComb } St. Commr

which Report was approved.

[97] The Committee of Assessments, on the Petition of Gabriel L. Lewis, relative to an erroneous Assessment, Reported:—

They are convinced "that the Assessors have overrated Mr. Lewis to at least double the Amount of his personal property, and should under all the circumstances have been disposed to have reported in his favour, were it not that the Assessment of the personal Estate of the late Frederic Lewis has been as much underrated as his son Mr. Gabriel Lewis has been overrated, and considering that Mr. Gabriel Lewis is one of the heirs and administrator of his father and can probably make an equitable division of the Taxes and by correcting the mistake do himself that equity which he has asked of this Board.

"Your Committee therefore recommend, that Mr. Lewis have leave to withdraw his petition."

All whis[ch] is respectfully submitted

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" John Remmey
Committee on Assessments.

which Report was approved.

[98] The Committee of Charity, on the Petition of Josephine Dubourg for pecuniary aid to transport herself and child to Martinique, Reported:—

"That, pursuant to the authority given them by the Board, they have paid to William S. Root the sum of Thirty dollars for the use of the said Madame Dubourg, under a positive stipulation however that she, together with her child, leave the United States for Martinique on or before the 28th day of March instant: otherwise, that the said money be refunded to the Committee by said Root.

"From the best information your Committee have been enabled to obtain, in relation to the circumstances of the petitioner, they are led to believe that herself & child in a short time would have become chargeable on the public for their support—it was under this impression, therefore, and to avoid the expence of maintaining them for life, that they made the donation alluded to. They now respectfully request that a warrant may be allowed in favor of their Chairman for Thirty Dollars."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" Jno. B. Coles

which was approved, and a Warrant directed to issue therefor.

[99] The Committee on Public Offices, on the Petition of Walter Covert for refunding of penalty paid, Reported:

"That the petitioner states he obtained of the Mayor in May 1817 a License to retail liquor by the small measure—but that about Six months after he discovered the said License was lost: that he has been fined in the Two several Sums of twenty two dollars fifty cents and 49 dollars 52 cents, which was recovered on account of his not being able to prove that he had a License: and that he now has discovered the testimony to prove the fact, to which he begs to refer.

"The testimony referred to consists of the deposition of John Ryan and Eliza his wife, together with that of John Wright and

Lucy Civill. On a careful examination of this testimony, the Committee are of opinion, that no reliance ought to be placed on it, inasmuch as Ryan and his wife contradict each other in a material point—and it is by no means probable that Eliza Ryan and Lucy Civill, neither of whom were able to write their own name, should be able to testify with any degree of accuracy to the dates of the License or [100] the signature of his Honour the Mayor.

"Beside which, the Record kept of the Licenses granted by his Honor the Mayor has been examined by the Committee, and they are satisfied, from the apparent accuracy with which the Entries are made, had any license been granted Walter Covert for the year 1817, it would have appeared by said Record.

"The Committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be rejected."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Stevens
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred for examination the Contract of Daniel M. and Edward Hitchcock on the subject of Public Slips, and of George Lovett respecting a Bulkhead at Spring Street Basin; Reported the former without amendment, which was directed to be executed—and the latter with an Amendment respecting the size of the Spikes to be used, which was directed to be engrossed by the Counsel as amended.

The Same Committee, on the Peti- [101] tion of Uzal W. Freeman, Reported:

"That they have examined the same, and that they see no reason for deviating from the Report already submitted by them to the Board on this subject

"and they therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted."

(sign'd) Th. R. Smith
" Steph. Allen
" Reub. Munson
" Sam. Akerly

which Report was agreed to.

The Finance Committee, to whom had formerly been ref[e]rred a Petition of Adam Thompson and who had reported against the prayer of the Petitioner, presented the following Report:

"That they have reexamined the same, and are now satisfied of the justice of his claim: they therefore recommend that a warrant be presented at the next meeting of the Board for $9.42 cents in favor of the petitioner: and that the Collector of the Canal Assessment be directed to demand this sum from George Parker the person chargeable therewith."

(sign'd)	Thos. R. Smith
"	Stephen Allen
"	Reuben Munson
"	Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Comptroller [102] was directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of James Amory, relative to the exchange of Common Lands, Reported:

"That, in their opinion, it would be inexpedient to accede to the propositions contained in the said petition."

(sign'd)	Th. R. Smith
"	Stephen Allen
"	Reuben Munson
"	Sam. Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of D. M. Hitchcock for extension of the time of payment on the Contract for the Docks and Slips, reported:

"That since presenting the said petition, he has intimated his wish of withdrawing the same: it therefore becomes unnecessary to make any report on the merits thereof."

(sign'd)	Thos. R. Smith
"	Stephen Allen
"	Reuben Munson
"	Samuel Akerly

which Report was agreed to.

The Committee on Assessments, on the Resolution respecting the Ruling of the Assessors' Books, Reported:

"That they have had [103] the same under consideration, and herewith present to the Board a plan for ruling the book of the Assessors—which, in the opinion of your Committee, will greatly facilitate the collection of the taxes and at the same time prevent improper and erroneous Assessments.

"The Committee recommend therefore, that the Comptroller be directed to prepare a set of books for each ward for the ensuing year, agreeably to the plan now presented."

(sign'd) Steph. Allen
" Sam. Stevens
" Jno. Remmey

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom it had been referred to settle the exchange of certain property with Robert Lenox, reported:

"That they have been at considerable pains to examine the situation and ascertain the value of the two several parcels of land in question.

"The piece of land to be conveyed by Mr. Lenox consists of 4 Lots, 2 held by him in fee and 2 on lease, at Ten dollars per annum each, one for 5 the other for 7 years from 1st May next, lying together, fronting on the 6th and extending toward the [104] 7th Avenue, containing 20¾ Acres:—these lots are Nos. 169, 168, 167 & 166 in the Corporation Map of Public lands.

"The property is under considerable improvements, is principally a smooth but elevated piece of ground, with about 200 fruit trees of various descriptions, and on the 6th Avenue is enclosed with a good substantial fence. On the North and East Boundary however it is either open, or the fence is of little or no value. 100 dollars per annum are offered for the 4 lots during the continuance of the present lease.

"Mr. Lenox is to receive from the Corporation a Deed for 3 lots Nos. 125, 128, 131 on the aforesaid Map containing 16¼ Acres which are now under lease to him for 5 years from 1st May next at 10 dollars per annum each—This property extends from the 5th to the 6th Avenue and is about half a mile nearer the City than the preceding—but it is not so well improved nor is it naturally so valuable a piece of land: the fences are poor and a part of the ground rough and uneven.

"After weighing the subject well, and exercising their best judgment, the Committee have agreed [105] that the exchange be effected on receiving from Mr. Lenox the sum of Five hundred dollars—which proposition has been acceded to by him, and the necessary measures are taken to complete the Arrangement.

"The Committee beg leave to recommend that the Comptroller be instructed to lease out for the term of 5 years from 1st of May

next, either by public auction or private contract the property thus reverting to the Corporation."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

Mr. Van Amringe then moved that *that* the rule of the Common Council directing all public property to be sold or leased at auction be on this occasion dispensed with in order to enable the Comptroller to lease the property mentioned in the above report by private contract agreeably to the recommendation contained in said Report. The question being taken thereon, and a Division called by Alderman Buckmaster, it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affirmative. Aldermen Underhill—Thorp—Munson—[106] Messieurs Van Amringe—Remmey—Akerly—Taylor—Allen—8

Negative. Mr. Recorder—Aldermen Coles—Holmes—M^cQueen—Buckmaster—Mr. Stevens—6

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee, and was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee appointed to obtain the opinion of Counsel respecting the power of the Corporation under existing laws for taking the Waters at the foot of Oliver and Roosevelt Streets for public slips or basins reported the accompanying opinion of Richard Harrison Esquire on that subject embracing the various points requiring elucidation.

(sign'd) J. Warren Brackett
" Thomas R. Smith
" Eldad Holmes.

The Letter (containing the opinion) of Richard Harrison, addressed to Alderman Brackett, was as follows:

New York, 24 March 1818

J. Warren Brackett Esqr.

" In consequence of your letter of the 13th inst. I have considered " the question therein stated, and am of opinion

" 1—That the Corporation may legally take and occupy land co- " [107] vered with water for the purposes mentioned in your letter, " where water grants have not been given or applied for, or Interfer- " ing improvements made under the 221st Section of the general Act.

" 2. With respect to the Second question that they may take and ".occupy any land with its improvements for the said purposes where

"they have never given any grants for the same, unless the possessors "have become entitled to the property under the said Section, or have "been so long in possession as to have created a Right to it. In "either of the latter cases, I am of opinion that the Occupants should "be considered as owners or parties interested in the ground, and "treated with accordingly.

"3. I am of opinion upon the Third question that the rights of "the Corporation stand upon the same footing as those of individuals "in similar cases. If there was an agreement for a grant it might "be enforced in equity, and draw with it the arrears of Rent, pro- "vided it was in writing or under circumstances which would justify "a Decree for specific performance. If there was no such agreement, "the Party who took possession without legal authority, was a wrong- "doer, and may be proceeded against as such.

[108] "4. I am of opinion that the Corporation can, under the "Laws of the State relating to Slips, obtain the waters, Right of "Wharfage and interest in the Bulkheads and Piers which are men- "tioned in your letter, as far as they are necessary for the Slips now "contemplated, by virtue of the 219th and 228th Sections of the general "Act. The Proviso at the end of the last mentioned section seems to "present the only plausible objection to this doctrine: but as this "proviso, if literally taken, would in every instance defeat the powers "granted to the Corporation, where they might interfere with any "private property; and would thus be repugnant to the other parts of "the Law, any construction should be resorted to which might pre- "vent an inconvenience so great and so manifest. I am therefore "of opinion, that the Proviso was meant only to restrain the depriving "of individuals of their property, rights and privileges, without making "them a reasonable compensation: and that such is the just exposition "of the Statute, when the different parts are compared with each "other.

"It may indeed be said that the Corporation is only entitled to take "ground for Slips—by the 219th Section of the Act, and that Wharf- "age [109] and Slippage do not fall under the description. The "objection however does not appear to be solid. Those payments "are taken by reason of the ground and of the improvements upon "it; and when the Right to the Soil is taken away, they go with it as "mere appendages.

"I ought perhaps to apologize for not sending you my opinion "sooner upon these points; but I have been so much indisposed since

"I saw you and till the present time, that I had neither strength nor "spirits for the attention requisite to their consideration."

With great respect &c.

(sign'd) Richard Harrison.

It was then moved that the consideration of the subject be postponed until the next meeting of the Board—which was lost. Mr. Van Amringe then presented the following:

"Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to proceed forthwith in the legal measures necessary to be taken to put this Board in possession of the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip and the waters between the foot of Oliver Street and Catharine Slip both on the East River. The question being, at the request of Mr. Stevens, divided [110] as to the two Basins contemplated, the divisions were severally agreed to, and the Counsel was directed to take order accordingly.

The following Communication was received from Richard Varick Esquire, relative to the Resolution of the 23d inst.

"The Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York"

"Gentlemen—

"On the 24th instant I received from the Clerk of the Common "Council a certified Copy of a Resolution of the Board, of the 23d, "touching the bounds of the Street now called Bleecker Street, which "has occasioned a controversy between us, that has been apparently as "eagerly sought for by your agents, as it was unwillingly entered into "on my part, and which I do not at this moment feel myself at "liberty and ready to abandon.

"I have also received a Duplicate of the Resolution, under cover "of a letter of this date, from John McComb, wherein he names his "Two Surveyors, to wit Stephen Ludlum and Edward Doughty, who "cannot be deemed impartial characters, as they have prejudged the "Cause in their Certificate to the Alderman and Assistant [111] of the "Eighth Ward and Doctor Graves, upon whose Report you have "acted.

"In this state of things, it is proper and respectful in me, promptly "to inform you, that with the mature advice of Counsel I cannot now "accede to the proposition contained in your Resolution.

"I avail myself of this opportunity, again to admonish the Com-"mon Council, as I have done their Street Commissioner and other "known agents, to desist from the trespasses begun and pursued to "some extent in digging away my ground and destroying my fences

"and buildings, and which have not been wholly discontinued, even "since the 9th instant."

I am with due respect,
Gentlemen,

New York
28 March, 1818.

Your obedt. Servt.
(sign'd) Richd Varick.

It was then moved that the Memorial of Richard Varick which was presented on the 9th instant, but the reading of which on account of its great length was dispensed with be now read—which was agreed to, and the said Memorial was read. A Representation was presented from Mr. Bleecker the Comptroller exculpatory of some charges made against him in said Memorial—which Representation was read. After some prefatory observations by Mr. [112] Akerly, he presented certain Resolutions hereafter inserted. On the question of agreeing to the same being taken, it was carried in the Affirmative. It was then resolved that the said Memorial of Richard Varick, the Representation of the Comptroller and the Resolutions be entered at length on the Minutes: and the Street Commissioner was directed to proceed under the direction of the Counsel.

(Here follow the aforesaid Memorial, Representation and Resolutions.)

"Memorial of Richard Varick Esqr."

"To the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York."

Gentlemen—

"It falls to my unfortunate lot again to address you (altho' I have hardly bodily strength or animal spirits sufficient, since my late severe illness, which commenced on the day on which I last wrote to you, to make this Epistle as full and pointed as my case requires) on the subject of the injury to my Real Estate lying between Thompson and Sullivan Streets and bounded on the late Samuel David's Street: yet my duty requires that I should not be silent.

"Let me then observe to you, [113] that on the Nineteenth day of January last I addressed to you a respectful Memorial, stating to you that I was the Proprietor of that Square of ground; that I had purchased it from Robert Benson Esquire about sixteen years ago: that Mr. Benson derived title thereto from the late John W. Watkins Esquire; and that about twenty five or twenty six years ago, the said John W. Watkins built a dwelling house on the premises near Sullivan Street, and a Stable and Carriage house on the North west cor-

ner of the square, on Samuel David's Street, and also a Green house on the North bounds thereof and on the line of Samuel David's Street.

"I likewise stated to you, that the late Anthony Bleecker owned all the lands East of my Square and on both sides of Samuel David's Street, which was then opened Eastward no further than Wooster or Third Street; and that Mr. Bleecker also owned the Square north of my ground: and if I recollect right, I also made known to you that to my own knowledge, and that of others yet living, the said Anthony Bleecker had encroached on the North Side of Samuel David's Street more than ten feet, as far as his lands were bounded thereon: and I also stated to you that upon Actual measurement from [114] my North Bounds, or the South bounds of Samuel David's Street, to the North bounds of Nicholas Bayard's Lands, as laid down on the Map thereof, there was an abundant Surplus of ground for Samuel David's Street (of fifty feet in breadth and more) and for all the Lots north thereof, as appeared from a Copy of one of the Maps of that land, which I had purchased, to ascertain my rights, from one of the late Surveyors of the City: No Map thereof being to be found in the Street Commissioner's Office, which ought to have been; but, as has since been discovered one was concealed among the papers of the late Mr. Goerck, in the City Comptroller's office, who is the son of the late W. A. Bleecker.

"In that Memorial I also represented to the Common Council, that the Contractor for digging out Samuel David's Street, (the name of which has been lately changed to Bleecker Street,) had so far advanced in digging out that Street as soon to endanger my Buildings and Fences, which being of Stone foundations and paved within and without, could not, together with the Fences, with safety to my garden be removed at that season of the year; and I therefore solicited the Common Council to give such orders [115] to the person or persons employed by them, in digging out and regulating that street, in the exercise of their rights, so to conduct themselves that my individual property might not be injured or impaired.

"This my Memorial was presented to the Common Council, and, as I was afterwards by accident informed, that it had been read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, together with the Street Commissioner, to take order, so far only as to prevent my property being injured; but without any instructions to examine into the truth of my allegations, with respect to the encroachment of Anthony Bleecker on Samuel David's Street, as for measurement, to

ascertain whether there was or was not Surplus ground for that street, now called Bleecker Street, and the Lots north of it. And such the event has proved for that Committee have not reported on it, nor returned the papers to the Clerk's Office, where I have in vain applied for official papers thereof.

"I was afterwards advised that some days after the 19th of January, when the digging had very nearly approached my ground, Mr. McComb had imparted such order of the Board to the Contractor: but I have since been informed, that his conduct and language [116] on that occasion were as least equivocal.

"As soon as I was informed of the Reference, I sought for Mr. McComb at the Street Commissioner's Office, but he was not then to be found there: Afterwards however I met him in the front of the Hall, and I mentioned to him the references, and that I wished to attend the Committee to measure the ground: and I beg leave now to state to you, Gentlemen, that on that occasion Mr. McComb very significantly and in a voice of tone and manner which indicated Importance, answered me—"There was no necessity of measuring—It "had been before that sufficiently measured." This unsuitable answer to a citizen at least his equal in every point of view, and who complained of inaccurate measurement, together with his answer to me before I presented my Memorial to the Board; when stating to him that the ground was mine, he answered with an air—"That the "Corporation ought not to take my ground"—thereby insinuating at least that the ground within my inclosure was not mine—And on another occasion, when I observed to him that the pavements and fences could not be taken up in winter, he answered very tauntingly "That there was some- [117] times open weather in which the fences and pavements could be removed," induced me to believe that there was no justice to be obtained from such a man, and that moreover there was some secret in the business which had never been disclosed to me.

"Permit me, Gentlemen, further to state, that a few days thereafter I was advised that if Mr. McComb had really given any order to the Contractor, interdicting him from proceeding, it was not complied with, and that my ground at the North East Corner thereof was actually dug down, and at the Corner of my fence excavated and undermined.

"To be satisfied of the truth of this information, I walked out to my place, in extreme cold weather, on the 31st January, and found the information I had received to be correct.

"Having thus in person viewed the Trespass, I did, on the second day of February last, address a long letter to the "Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Assistants or Common Councilmen in Common Council," complaining of the encroachment and Trespass: and I moreover stated to you, that I myself, together with the persons under whom I claimed, had been in the quiet possession of that Square for twenty five years, [118] which gave me title against all the world: and I again repeated to you, that there was an abundant Surplus of ground, north of my ground, to satisfy the claim of the public and Individuals, and that there were no improvements on the North side of Bleecker Street to prevent the scite of that street being corrected, and many other matters not necessary to be here repeated.

"This letter was of necessity sent by me to the City Hall by a Servant; for at that moment I was taken ill of a severe pleurisy, and have been confined to my Bed and sick chamber for near a month: and during that time remained unadvised of what had taken place.

"On my recovery I was informed by a friend that my letter had been referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner, and that there had been a Report made thereon, in consequence of which the Contractor, whose name I have been since informed is John Sloan, had been authorized by the Common Council to proceed in his course of digging down my ground and destroying my Buildings and Fences as a part of Bleecker Street, in which Mr. Sloan has manfully acted the part assigned him.

[119] "I have lately, thro' a friend, obtained from the Clerk's Office of the Common Council an official copy of the Report of that Committee: But it does not appear whether that Committee had or had not any instructions as to the line of conduct to be pursued by them, as ought to have appeared, unless it may be inferred from the certificate of the Surveyors thereto annexed, both of which I beg leave to repeat and record in this place, to preserve a Record thereof as an honorable and important public document for my use, lest they should be purloined or withdrawn, as other papers have heretofore been, from among the Common Council Records and not returned there again.

"The Report of the Committee to the Common Council is in these words to wit:

"The Alderman and Assistant of the Eigth Ward and Street "Commissioner, to whom was referred the Memorial of Richard "Varick Esqr. respecting a supposed encroachment on his premises, by "the digging out and regulating Bleecker Street, Report: That they

"have caused a Survey to be made by two of the City Surveyors, "(a certificate of which accompanies this Report,) by which it will "appear that Mr. Varick has no cause of complaint of an encroach- "ment, [120] as his Stable stands within two inches of the true line, "and his Fence stands ten feet on Bleecker Street, giving all the "ground, according to the Map of the Block he purchased—Your Com- "mittee are therefore of the opinion, that the Contractor for regu- "lating Bleecker Street ought to be permitted to proceed, as he is "suffering considerable damage by delay."

23 Feby. 1818. (sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Jac. B. Taylor.
" R. Graves
St. Com pro tem.

"Copy of the Certificate of the Surveyors, annexed to the Report."

"We have, as directed, measured the Block of Ground owned by "R. Varick Esqr. between Houston and Bleecker Streets, on the "Northwest side of Thompson Street and find that the Northeast "end of Mr. Varick's Stable is 407 feet 10 inches from the north East "side of Houston Street, being two inches back from the line of "Bleecker Street. The fence of Mr. Varick's enclosure stands ten "feet six inches on Bleecker Street, allowing said Bleecker Street to "be fifty feet wide at that point."

18 Feby. 1818.

(sign'd) Steph. Ludlum
" Edw[d] Doughty
City Surveyors.

I beg leave further to state to you, [121] Gentlemen, that I am informed from official authority, that the Report of the Committee above transcribed was accepted and approved by the Common Council, without a dissenting voice, altho' there were then present several high-minded and otherwise very correct men of both political parties; and the Contractor was directed to proceed in his illegal and high handed work of destruction.

"I now assure you, Gentlemen, that I possibly may have laboured under a mistake, until my reading this Report and the accompanying information that the Common Council had approved the same imparted to me the first intimation thereof, that the Common Council of the City of New York, their Committee, their Street Commissioners, or Surveyors, or any of them had the power thus promptly and summarily, and that without a hearing, to decide upon the titles of lands

which the Statute Law of the State, commonly called the Statute of limitations, guarantees to the possessor and declares good and indefeasible title to the owner of such lands.

"I have been hitherto unwilling to ascribe to the members composing the Common Council improper or unworthy motives for their conduct [122] toward me, but as a man who for near half a century, both in and out of public service, and that without reproach, have earned my property. I am unwilling to part with this part of it, which in the first purchase thereof, as well as in subsequent improvements, has cost me very large sums of money, without the best evidences of right to it being exhibited, and that in a legal cause by my adversaries, whose claim, in this instance, appears to me to be novel, and as extraordinary in the means to enforce it.

"I have sometimes been led to suppose that upon the solicitations of Mr. Bleecker, and the probable want of correct information from the then Street Commissioner and some of the City Surveyors, of the quantity of ground north of Samuel David's Street, and perhaps the sinister conduct of some one or more designing individuals in a past Common Council, that [the] Board have incautiously permitted Mr. Bleecker to encroach on the North side of Samuel David's Street opposite to his land, when the name of that street was changed to Bleecker Street, and the same carried thro' Eastward from Third or Wooster Street to the Broad way:

[123] "And at other times, that the Corporation, in the ideal plenitude of their power, had boldly tho' covertly agreed with Mr. Bleecker to convey to him or to permit him in silence to occupy ground along the North side of Samuel David's Street and thus encrease the value of his estate there, on condition that he would, for the aggrandisement of his own estate, lay out the street now called Bleecker Street from Wooster Street to the Broad way, and give in the Surplus ground which he owned South of the South line of Samuel David's Street to be continued to the Broadway; and had then determined to claim from myself and Mr. Nicholas Law and from me particularly in a manner not the most delicate and unexceptionable, or even legal manner, the ground which was supposed to be Surplus ground within my enclosure. The after piece favors the latter supposition.

"Be all this as it may, Gentlemen, I have purchased my estate and originally not enclosed it myself. There was a surplus of ground of Bayard's, and I am bound to defend that part within my Fence against all legal claims, to entitle me to recover *over* on the Covenants in my

Deed, especially as the buildings which you have directed to be destroyed were on the ground [124] when I purchased. And, Gentlemen, I repeat to you that the Laws of the State secure and fortify my possession, as the best estate in the world, even against the claim you set up to my property: and I again thus publicly assert and shall in due time abundantly prove my assertion, that there is surplus of ground North of my enclosure to satisfy all demands—and further, that any man who does say, (understanding the subject) that my enclosure comprehends any part of Samuel David's Street, (and meaning no quibble about the name Bleecker Street) is a liar and the truth is not in him; and I stake my reputation to prove my assertion from your own public documents which some of you are perhaps uninformed of: and the Actors in this scene, who proceed understandingly in this business, incur the denunciations pronounced in the sacred volume, to wit—"Cursed is he who removeth his neighbour's landmark"—and may this curse attend them.

"Matters having been thus brought to a crisis between us, and I being determined at all events never to submit to such harsh treatment as I have received and am threatened with from the Guardians of this city, without a serious struggle for my rights, I now [125] inform you, gentlemen, that from a regard to my dear-bought and improved interests, and my own reputation, and knowing, as I believe, the powers of the Common Council on the subject, I have been put to the painful alternative of submitting, or at very considerable expence retaining able Counsel; which I have done, with a view of examining in an open and public manner into the conduct of those whom I consider my oppressors; and to this end I have directed Suits to be instituted in the Supreme Court against your Street Commissioner, who avows himself to be your agent and to be by you authorized to commit the trespasses, and against others, and from time to time, for the trespasses committed & to be committed on my possessions—and also a Suit in chancery to try your high-handed proceedings, and to be relieved against illegal Assessments founded upon the usurpation of powers not committed to you. And I trust that with the aid of gentlemen of high Standing in the Community, and who have been from their infancy regularly bred and have practised as surveyors, and who can give constructions to Maps, and not by those better calculated for building pig-pens and selling drams at the [126] counter than for Surveyors, and upon some such you are unfortunately obliged to depend for information, I shall be able to shew that there are lands sufficient, north of the South Bounds of Samuel David's Street or my

enclosure, to satisfy the claims of the Corporation, as well as the measurement of the number of Lots laid out in the Map of Nicholas Bayard's ground, and that the assertion "that I have any public ground in my possession under the present control of the Corporation" is utterly base and false. And I shall be able to exhibit, in very vivid colors, to a Court of Justice and Juries of my Fellow-citizens, instances of tyranny and highhanded oppression rarely to be met with in a well ordered community, and in no instances in this city to be surpassed, except one case, in which the Corporation of this city, not many years ago, attempted to wrest from me, under color of law, a very great part of an estate, at the foot of now Fulton Street, then worth more than fifty thousand dollars, owned by me under a grant from their predecessors to my Ancestor, dated in the year 1743, and respecting which all the deeds had been recorded for nearly twenty years, and which [127] they found to their Interest to purchase from me."

I am very respectfully
Gentlemen
Your obedt. servt.
(sign'd) Richd Varick.

New York
9 March, 1818.

"Representation of the Comptroller."

"It was not until the 27th inst. that the Comptroller had a knowledge of the Contents of a letter which had been presented to the Common Council by Mr. Richard Varick on the 9th—and was then referred to a Committee without being read at the Board. Having been favored with a perusal of this extraordinary document, which alike impeaches the reputation of the Members of the Corporation, as well as that of several of its officers—it becomes a duty to repel an insidious charge, calculated to lessen that confidence which has hitherto been placed in the integrity of the undersigned.

"In the second page of the letter before mentioned, the writer says—"No Map thereof (Nicholas Bayard's land) being to be found in the Street Commissioner's Office, where it ought to have been, but, as has since been discovered, one was concealed among the papers of the late Mr. Goerck, in the City [128] Comptroller's Office, who is the son of the late Mr. A. Bleecker."

"To refute this unfounded charge, it is positively denied that the above mentioned Map, or any other whatever has at any time been concealed in the Comptroller's Office, or elsewhere, to his knowledge.

A number of old Maps were deposited, promiscuously, on the upper shelves in the northerly closet of said Office, about six years ago, at the time of removing from the Old Hall; several of which have been taken out from time to time by the Street Commissioner and his Assistant, when wanted for public purposes; and the City Surveyors have always had free access to these Maps as well as other papers in the Office, whenever they wished to obtain information. The idea conveyed of the concealment of a certain Map to answer interested purposes, the Comptroller pledges his veracity, is totally destitute of the shadow of truth, and should a single member of the Common Council have the least doubt on his mind as to the correctness of this assertion, the investigation of a Committee will remove every scruple and prove highly grateful to the wishes of the subscriber.

"It is quite inexplicable [129] what could have induced the writer of the "Epistle" to make insinuations of the nature above alluded to; as the undersigned was entirely ignorant of the matter in dispute respecting the ground, until he heard the papers read at the meeting of the Common Council.

"Not at all participating in the interests involved in the question, he has never had his mind biassed as to its result.

"In the 10th page a supposition is made of a clandestine agreement or secret understanding between the Corporation and the deceased Father of the undersigned, in laying out streets in a sinister manner for the aggrandisement of his own Estate.

"A surmise so cruel and unjust awakens feelings of indignation, which a respect for the dignity of the Common Council alone can repress. They are fully competent to assert and maintain the purity of their conduct, when assailed by unwarrantable aspersions even when made by those who are conspicuous for legal talent or exorbitant possessions.

"Conscious of maintaining the confidence of the Members of the Board in that Office which they have been pleased to entrust to his [130] charge, the subscriber cannot without a breach of charity but impute the visionary ideas conveyed in a lengthly communication, either to the violent paroxysms of a naturally impetuous disposition, to the imbecility unhappily occasioned by recent disease, or the phantasm of a disordered imagination."

Respectfully submitted

March 28 (sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

" Resolutions on the above Memorial of Richard Varick.

1 " Resolved, that the Communication just read, and signed by Richard Varick contains a gross attack on the integrity of the Corporation, indecent in manner, and insulting in the diction thereof, unworthy the character of a gentleman in the intercourse with his fellow citizens, and particularly obnoxious as an address to a public body, to whom the said communication professes to offer correct information and a statement of facts.

2 " Resolved, that the aforesaid communication also contains an unjustifiable imputation upon the fair character of several officers of this Board, and as such is inadmissible to that [131] respectful consideration which every memorial from a worthy citizen couched in decent and proper language is at all times entitled.

3 "Resolved, that the aforesaid communication of Richard Varick, dated 9th March 1818, of 13 folio pages, containing both an unjustifiable attack upon the Corporation as a body, and upon the individual members composing the same, as also upon the officers of this Board as well as Surveyors and others employed by them, cannot and ought not to be received or any further noticed.

4 " Therefore resolved that the Committee, to whom the said Communication was referred, be discharged from the further consideration thereof."

Of which Resolutions, the 1st and 4th were agreed to unanimously: the 2d and 3d each with one dissenting voice.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury on the 23d inst.....	$734.52	
Received for Tax 1817 2d and 10th wards.....	4000.00	
" for Streets	2050.00	
" " Wells & Pumps.....	104.58	6889.10

[132] Accounts Audited.

W. J. Waldron, Asst City Inspect. 1 month to 1 April.....	52.00
Obad. Ayres, Asst City Inspect. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	52.00
Ben. Hicks, Asst City Inspect. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	64.00
Geo. Mills, Asst. City Inspect. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	62.00
Sam. Hutchings, Street Inspec. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	52.00
Jonath. Weeden, Street Insp. 1 mo. to 1 April.....	52.00
Astin & Cochran, Messengers, 1 mo. to 1 April.....	60.00
Gould, Banks & Gould—Law books for Clerk's office.....	98.75
Geo. Snethen, Supds & lighting Lamps, 1 mo. to 1 April....	723.43

Jas. Meghan, pav. Greenwich St. from Hamersley to Christopher	500.00	
Pet. Debaun, reg. Greenwich St. from Hamersley to Christopher	500.00	
Thos. Barnum, Supdg Piers, 24 days to 29 inst	48.00	
Eldad Holmes Esqr. donation to Tuscarora Indians	50.00	
Steph. Allen Esqr. Chairn Com. Charity to Josephine Dubourg	30.00	2344.18
	Balance	$=4544.92

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock

[133] In Common Council April 6. 1818.

Present. Thos. R. Smith Esqr. Deputy Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Jones, Junior
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes	Leonard Kip
Robt. McQueen	W. F. Van Amringe
Geo. Buckmaster	John Remmey
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	Jacob B. Taylor
	Effingham Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, for a Well and Pump at the Intersection of Bleecker and Wooster Streets, and a Petition for a well and Pump in Suffolk Street between Brome and Delancy Streets—were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and Street Commissioner to report ordinances therefor.

A Memorial from Sundry Inhabitants, residing in Mott Street, praying that a Cistern may be sunk in said Street opposite Zion Church as a Reservoir [134] for water in cases of fire, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Jordan Mott, to be permitted to construct a Vault and a Cistern in the Street opposite his house, at the corner of Pearl and Fulton Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Peter Woolly for permission to remove a Frame House from the corner of Jay and Staple Streets to Orange Street, was read referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th and 6th

Wards and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Petition of Adrian K. Van Bokkelen, for the use of the mud machine for a few days, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Petition of Elbert Anderson, for permission to construct a Vault in front of his lot No. 28 Provost Street, and a similar petition from Garrit Storm, John Suydam and Rembrandt F. Muller for vaults opposite their respective Lots [135] in Franklin Street—were read and granted on the usual terms.

A Petition of Samuel Jones, by his son D. S. Jones, stating that he is owner of more than half of the Lots fronting on Bond Street, and praying that the same may be regulated, the side walks raised and the Carriage way arched in the same manner as has been done in Great Jones' Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Ebenezer Stevens, Peter Schermerhorn & Sons, and John & Austin L. Sands for a Water grant opposite their property at Brooklyn—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller to report.

A Petition of the Sextons in the different churches in the City, praying for some compensation for making their weekly Reports of Interment and for ringing the bells at times of fire—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jacob Halsey, praying that the sum of Six hundred dollars awarded to John Tierney for a Lot in [136] Bancker Street may be paid to him as he has a Mortgage on said lot—was read and referred to the Counsel, Street Commissioner and Comptroller to report.

A Petition of Holly Waterbury, for appointment as Keeper of the Park on the Battery—was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Bethuel Howard for Stall No. 35 Catharine Market —of Henry Pessinger for the same stall—of Samuel Piercy for permission to sell meat in Division Street—and of John Simonson and of Cornelius Vandenburgh for a Stall in Centre Market—were read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from Benjamin A. Akerly and others, stating that they hold by grants from the Corporation Lots on both sides of Water Street between Pike Slip and Rutger's Slip: that by their grants they were bound to make Water Street 45 feet, which they

have done: that they have lately received an order from the Street Commissioner to widen Water Street to 50 feet: that they approve of the improvement of widening said Street, but consider themselves en- [137] titled, in consequence of the great expence they have been at in making said Street to a Compensation for the extra ground which will be taken from them: and stating their willingness to an arrangement on the subject—whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner to report.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of 40 Nuisances:

Will. Edgar to William Edgar,	Agt. Own.	Cannon St.		Lot
Nich. Low	Own.	Prince St.		do
W. J. Proctor	Own.	Thompson c. Vestry		do
Chs. Stewart	Own. & Occ	29	Murray St.	Privy
B. Andriese E. Lewis	Own. Occ.	320	Pearl St	do
B. Flora	Own. & Occ.	340	do	do
B. Flora W. M. Thurman	Own. Occ.	342	do	do
Mrs. Clinton G. W. Skellon	Own. Occ.	358	do	do
Sam. Falconer do	Own. Occ.	364	do	do
Dan. Dodge	Own. & Occ	374	do	do
Jas. Sacket	do do	378	do	do
Jas. Drake E. Underhill	Own. Occ.	396	do	do
Jas. Legget Will Underhill	Own. Occ.	400	do	do
[138] J. Cromeline. Cock and Frost	Own Occ.	416	do	do
G. H. Cheesman	Own. & Occ.	448.	do	do.
T. Griswold T. Chatterton	Own. Occ.	452	do	do.
Leon[d] Rogers,	Own. & Occ.	458.	do	do.
Dan. Hall	do do	462.	do	do.
N. Prince Dr. W. Miner	Own. Occ.	4	Roosevelt st.	do.

C. Postly	Own. & Occ.	14	Roosevelt st.	Privy.
W. M. Simers	Own.	20.	do	do.
R. Ammerman	Occ.			
P. Wynkoop	Own.	22.	do	do.
J. Naar	Occ.			
Mr. Smith	Own.	24	do	do.
D. Sherry	Occ.			
W. Mitchell	Own.	28	do	do
W. D. Moltby	Occ.			
P. Lorillard	Own.	30	do	do.
Will. Briggs	Occ.			
E. Ferris	Own.	38.	do	do.
T. Ricard	Occ.			
Jno. *Vansyth* [Vansice],	Own. & Occ.	44	do	do.
Jas. Grant	Own.	54	do	do
C. Horton	Occ.			
Jas. Grant	Own.	56	do	do.
Jas. Seaman	Occ.			
Jas. Grant	Own. & Occ.	58	do	do
Will. Freeman	Own.	60	do	do.
John Brown	Occ.			
Will Tice	Own.	64	do	do.
do	Occ.			
Nich. Cook,	Les. & Occ.	74	do	do.
[139] Widow Beekman	Own.	76	do	do
M. Dougherty	Occ.			
Isaac Burr	Own.	78	do	do
J. Dougherty	Occ.			
J. Culbert	Own.	88	do	do
J. Jasper	Occ.			
J. Langdon,	Les. & Occ.	90	do	do
H. F. Jones	Own.	50	Warren St.	do
A. Mickens	Occ.			
John Agnew	Own.	1	Hague St.	do
D. Berrian	Occ.			
Jos. Taylor	Own.	4	New St	do
J. B. Taylor	Agt.			
Jas. De Witt	Occ.			
	(sign'd)		George Cuming. City Inspector.	

which Ordinances were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Charlton Street from Greenwich Street to Washington Street—which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The Committee on Wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the petition of the Executors of John Post deceased, praying for a Water grant, reported—" That they have taken the same into consideration and recommend that a Grant be given from Water Street to the South Side of Front [140] Street on the usual terms, agreeable to the Map Accompanying."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes.
" G. N. Bleecker } Comptroller
" John M^cComb } St. Commiss

which Report was approved, and the Counsel directed to report a Grant agreeably thereto.

The Street Commissioner stated that he had been served with a Subpoena issuing out of the Court of Chancery of this state directed to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, John M^cComb and John Sloan, dated the 2^d of April and returnable the 10^th of the same month, to appear and answer to a Bill of Complaint of Richard Varick in said Court exhibited against said parties: and also that he had been served with a writ of injunction issuing out of said Court, bearing date the 1^st inst. and directed as aforesaid enjoining the said parties to refrain from cutting upon, digging or carrying away the earth from the premises in said Bill described as the property of said Richard [141] Varick—which said Copies of the Subpœna and Writ of Injunction he submitted to the Common Council for their direction therein—Whereupon, the same having been read were directed to be referred to the Counsel with directions to take all legal steps to procure said injunction to be dissolved and such other legal measures as may be requisite in the premises—And it was ordered that in the mean time the Street Commissioner be directed to stay all further proceedings in relation to the opening of Bleecker Street as directed by the writ of Injunction aforesaid.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of William A. Hardenbrook, praying to remain in the house he now occupies till the Corporation shall proceed to work that part of the 10^th Avenue on which it stands, Reported, as follows:

"That they have considered the same, and are of opinion that this Board does not possess the right to make such a Grant. The Avenue being a highway and public property for which individuals in the neighbourhood have been assessed, any incumbrance thereon is liable to be removed at the instance of those persons—[142] it is therefore recommended that the prayer of the Petitioner be not granted.

"It however is not probable that the petitioner will, for some time, be disturbed in the possession of the place, as it appears that all the persons owning property in the neighbourhood have signed the petition, and it is believed there is no disposition on the part of the Corporation to interfere."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen

which Report was approved.

The Attorney, in the absence of the Counsel, presented a Deed to Robert Lenox for 3 Lots of land between the Fourth and Fifth Avenues; and also a Deed to James Vincent for one of the Collect Lots—which several Deeds were directed to be duly executed.

The Alms-house Committee, to whom was referred the application of the visiting Surgeon to the Alms-house, presented a Report, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Alms-house Committee, to whom [143] was referred the Resolution on the subject of employing the Convicts in the Penitentiary in work on the Avenues, presented a Report, which was read, and the consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 30 March	$4544.92	
Received for Common Lands	1368.83	
" " Rents &c	7426.95	
" " Tax 1817. 10 ward	1000.00	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.00	
" " Streets	500.00	
" " Mayoralty fees	165.75	
" Commut. Alien Passeng	35.00	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.00	=17,641 45

18 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1 dist	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd, do 2 do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower, do 3 do	413.00	
Dan. H. Magee, keepr Potter's Field, 1 mo. 1st inst	46.50	

Jno. Bedient, Coroner—fees 1 qr. to 1 inst.	498.65	
Lewis & Hall, 6 mo. subscription to Commercial Advert. 1 inst.	75.00	
Editor Columbian, 6 mo. subscrip. 1 inst.	75.00	
Adam Thompson, proportion of Canal St. Assesst. refunded	9.42	
[144] Jac. Hays, Officers convg prisnrs from Pol. Office to Pentent. 4 Nov. to 3d	65.00	
Rob. Provoost, glazing & paints lamps for March	106.43	
Chs. Mooney, Balce Contract paving Cross St	395.34	
Jno. Targee & Associates, Sundry Asses	198.00	
Chs. Mooney, bal. pav. Bdway. from Prince to Bleecker S.	108.56	
Jno. Sloan, regtng Bleecker St	100.00	
Jno. Gallagher, 1st instant, Well in Perry Street	63.45	
Abner Higgins, 2d instant, filling Basin Crane Wharf	900.00	
Abr. Storms, Balce on Contract, Bulkhead Crane Wharf	497.50	
Rich. Furman, Superintend. of the Alms house	3000.00	8352.60
	Balance	$=9288.85

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[145] In Common Council April 13. 1818.

Present. The Honble Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Pres.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
J. Warren. Brackett	Leonard Kip
Anth. L. Underhill	W. F. Van Amringe
Eldad Holmes	William Stone
Thomas R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
Robt. McQueen	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. Buckmaster	Effing. Schieffelin
Arthur Burtis	Stephen Allen.
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of sundry Butchers, praying an alteration of the Law so as to permit them to bring their Cattle through the Streets on Sunday before 9 o'clock in the morning and after 5 o'clock in the afternoon —was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday laws.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, praying that the Vacant Lots between Willet, Delancy, Sheriff and Rivington Streets may be filled up, as they [146] are at present in a state highly injurious to the neighbourhood—was read and referred to the City Inspector and Street Commissioner.

A request of John Vanderlyn, that the ground leased to him by the Corporation at the corner of Chamber and Cross Streets may be cleared from the present buildings thereon, as he is about erecting a Building—was read and referred to the Committee of Finance to enquire if Mr. Vanderlyn has complied with the conditions of the Lease to him, and if so that they can cause obstructions to be removed—otherwise to report thereon to the Board.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that Broadway may be paved, and the side walks flagged, between Bleecker Street and 28 feet north of Great Jones' Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Complaint of John R. Livingston was received, stating that he had been prosecuted for not filling up two Lots in Anthony Street, whereas the said lots were higher than the adjoining lots which had been ad- [147] mitted by the City Inspector to be sufficiently high—which was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Attorney.

A Petition of Theodosius Fowler, to be permitted to construct a Vault in Franklin Street—and a similar petition from J. E. Clark for a Vault in Murray Street—were read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Troup and Goelet, for permission to place Anchors on the porch of their store, alleging the same would be no inconvenience to the Public, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition on behalf of a Mrs. Pettit an aged woman, to be permitted to place a Table on the street for the sale of Apples and Cakes, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 6th ward, with authority to grant the same.

A Petition of Thomas Truslow, for permission to place building Materials in the Street for houses he was about erecting, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward, [148] with power to grant the same.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg, for payment of a Contract for paving Orange and Mulberry Streets—was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of James Byrne for Stall No. 37 Fly Market—and one of George W. Varian for Stall No. 13 Catharine Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, in favor of establishing a Ferry between Chamber Street and Spring Street on the Hudson

River to Harsimus in New Jersey was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Recommendation from Sundry Inhabitants for the appointment of John Boyce as keeper of a Pound in the 9th Ward, was read, and the said John Boyce was accordingly appointed keeper of a Pound in the 9th Ward of the City of New York.

A Petition from Sarah Holloway, stating that she had received a notice to remove a house belonging to her standing in Lispenard Street [149] from said Street: that it is the only property she has to maintain herself in her declining years; and praying said house may be permitted to remain, or that a piece of ground may be assigned to her, whereon to place it—was read and directed to be laid on the Table.

A Petition for a Well and Pump, at the Intersection of Varick and Dominick Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner, to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Wooster Street between Bleecker and Houston Streets—which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for making a Road through the Third Avenue, and an Ordinance for making a Road thro' the Eighth Avenue—which were passed, and Thomas C. Taylor, Henry Post and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for regulating Washington [150] Street from Spring Street to Christopher Street—and one for a Well and Pump in Perry Street near Herring Street—which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

The Attorney in behalf of the Counsel presented a law entitled "A Law to amend the Law relative to the Park, Bowling Green and Battery—which was read by paragraphs and passed: and 200 handbills of the same were directed to be printed and pasted in the vicinity of those places.

The Comptroller Reported that the Contract for the Street Manure had not yet been executed, owing to the necessity of an amendment to the Law respecting the cleaning of Streets to embrace the Regulations lately made by the Board on that subject. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Street Committee and Counsel.

The Comptroller Reported that the Deeds to George Degrass and David Cargill, which were referred to him for examination he finds to

be correct as to the purchase, bound- [151] aries and quantity of land sold. Whereupon, the same were directed to be duly executed.

The following appointment of Fireman was made, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 33."

Jno. C. Chadeayne, Blk Smith, Lombardy St. 7 ward, vice John Downs, Resigned.

The Committee of Applications, on the Petition of Samuel Johnston for the appointment of a Measurer of Grain &c. reported that he was in their opinion a suitable person to receive said appointment—Whereupon, said Samuel Johnston was appointed a Measurer of Grain &c. in this City.

A Petition of John Hobart for Stall No. 32 Fly Market was referred to the Market Committee, who immediately reported in his favor and the Stall was assigned to him.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Samuel Piercy to be permitted to sell Meat in Division Street, and of James Gardner to be permitted to sell at No. 96 Hester Street, reported that the prayers of said Petitioners ought not to be granted, as there [152] was an Ordinance of the Board against it—which Report was approved.

The Market Committee, on the petition of David Perrin for Stall No. 19 Fly Market, reported in his favor, and that he receive a License for said Stall—which was approved.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Jacob Acker and George Shaffee to be permitted to exchange with each other Stalls No. 41 Catharine Market and No. 47 Washington Market—reported in favor of the petitioners—which was approved and the exchange was permitted to be made accordingly.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Henry Shop for Stall No. 35 Catharine Market, reported in his favour, and the stall was directed to be assigned to him and he receive a License therefor.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Stephen Whitney and others, presented a Report, which was referred back to the same Committee to negociate with Petitioners as to the Amount which should be paid by them for additional ground, which according to said Report will be ceded to them.

[153] The Report of the Alms-House Committee, (on the subject of employing the convicts on the Roads,) which was presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration, was called up and referred back to the same Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:

Mrs. C. A. Dale	Own.	State c.	Marketfield	Lot.
Abraham Frost	do		Greenwich Street	do
W. W. Gilbert	Own.		Greenwich c.	
John Cole	Occ.		Hammond.	Privy.
Geo. Tappen	Own. & Occ.	192	Hester St	do
C. Burbank	Own.	46	Ferry St	do
S. Hendrickson	Occ.			
J. Boyce	Own.		Harman St	do
Henry Peterson	Occ.			
J. McKenna	Own. & Occ.	17	Elm Street	do
Geo. Tappen	Own.	122	Mulberry St.	do
A. & J. Bogert	Occ.			
J. & W. Mott	Own.	10	Cliff Street	do
D. Fanshaw	Occ.			
King & Hillhouse,	Own. & Occ.	216	Pearl Street	do
Hen. McVickar	Own.	228	do	do
Mrs. Paxton	Occ.			
Taylor, Winthrop & Co	Own.	230	do	do
Collins & Hanna	Occ.			
Jno. McCracken	Own.	254	do	do
Robt. Wardle	Occ.			
F. Ogsbury	Own. & Occ.	244	do	do
Townsend & Son,	do do	264	do	do
[154] T. Tilletson	Own.	284	do	do
J. Fannerly	Occ.			
Jno. Townly	Les	286	do	do
S. Redman	Occ.			
Jno. T. Dolan	Own.	298	do	do
R. Eli	Occ.			
A. Hagerman,	Les. & Occ.	164	Water Street	do
T. Seaman	do do	166	do	do
Seth Clark	Own.	168	do	do
W. Stillwell	Occ.			
Mrs. A. Prall	Own.	176	do	do
Richd Smith	Occ.			
G. B. Abell	Own.	186	do	do
H. Crockren	Occ.			
G. B. Abell	Own.	188	do	do
Chs. Williams	Occ.			

Jno. Targee	Own. & Occ.	192	Water Street	Privy.
Sam. Thompson	Own.	212	do	do
Thompson & Cleesman	Occ.			
Robt. Bogardus	Agt.	218	do	do
Ann Weeks	Occ.			
T. Tilletson	Own.	222	do	do
B. Bunker	Occ.			
S. Stevens Esqr	Own.	226	do	do
Apollos Potter	Occ.			
Peter Schermerhorn,	Own.	224	do	do
do	Occ.			
Sam. Thompson	Own.	230	do	do
Jno. C. Thompson	Occ.			
Richard Seaman	Own.	236	do	do
A. Hamilton	Occ.			
John Leger	Own.	244	do	do
Sam. Shotwell	Occ.			
[155] Jos. D. O Grady	Occ.	250	Water Street.	Privy.
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(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Committee on Charity, on the Petition of Joseph Mangin requesting a Loan, Reported:

"That your Committee believe Petitioner to be very poor, and unless he receives some small assistance will be compelled to take refuge in the Alms House. He is however willing to avoid this Alternative if possible, and hopes, if he receives a temporary relief, from the Corporation, he will be enabled, during the Summer at least, to maintain himself and family from the fruits of his labour.

"The Committee therefore recommend, in consideration of the circumstances of the petitioner, together with his age and infirmities, that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to the relief of the Petitioner under the direction of this Committee and that a Warrant pass for said amount accordingly."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Jno. B. Coles
" Arthur Burtis
" Samuel Stevens.

Approved, and a Warrant directed to issue.

[156] The Committee of Repairs and Comptroller, on the Account of the Superintendant of Repairs, Reported:

"That they have examined the Account of Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs, from 9th August 1817 to 9th April 1818, and find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation	$27,285.88
For Sundry Articles sold by him, including Gas light Apparatus, old Metal, old Engine Hose, old Engine house at Greenwich, partition, fence, &c	183.28
Balance due the Corporation on the last Settlement and now credited	234.41
	$=27,703.57
He has paid, agreeably to Vouchers produced, 232 Accounts, amount	27,672.52
Leaving a Balance due Corporation, to be carried to Credit of new Account	$=31.05

(sign'd) Geo. B. Thorp
" Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which Report of the Committee, on the above Account of the Superintendant of Repairs—was approved.

[157] The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition for a Cistern in Mott Street, Reported:

"That they have duly considered the subject, and are convinced that Mott Street near Zion Church is an eligible situation for a public Cistern; and as the people in that vicinity are desirous of having one built

"They recommend that their request be granted, and that the Street Commissioner present an Ordinance for that purpose."

(sign'd) Arthur Burtis
" Robert McQueen
" A. L. Underhill.

which was approved; and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance therefor, which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed the Assessors therein.

The Road Committee, to whom it was referred to settle with J. Skinner, respecting his Contract for part of the Third Avenue, presented a Report, which was laid for consideration.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Samuel Jones, Reported: That they

"have examined the profile, [158] and respectfully recommend that Bond Street be regulated agreeably to the request of the Petitioner, and that the Ordinances herewith be passed for that purpose."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" Leonard Kip
" Jno. M^cComb
St. Comm^r

which was approved; the Ordinance therein recommended passed; and Jacob C. Mott, John Targee and John Brower were appointed Assessors therein.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Jordan Mott for a Vault & Cistern, Reported: That they—"having viewed the premises are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted, as there is not room on the premises to build a cistern —and it is not intended to have any opening in the Street. and will be constructed of Brick."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey
" John M^cComb
St. Commis^r
" Leonard Kip

which Report of the Street Committee and Street Commissioner was approved.

[159] The Report of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the subject of property required for Slips between Oliver Street and Catharine Slip and between Roosevelt Street and James Slip, which was presented on the 16^th^ March last and laid for consideration. was called up and read, as follows:

"That they have waited on a number of the Owners; but not being able to come to any terms with them, they requested them to make their propositions in writing and to deliver them to your Committee—the enclosed they have just received, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of your honorable Board."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller
" Jno. M^cComb, St. Commis.

The Letter of Mr. Coster above mentioned as inclosed in the Report was as follows:

New York, 16 March, 1818.

John M^cComb Esqr—

Dear Sir —

"If the Honorable the Corporation should wish to build a Public Slip at or near the property this side the New Market in which I am interested, I should think the Owners should be paid for the Bulk head and Pier with Interest till paid, and that part which is filled in along [160] side the Bulkhead and will be taken for the public Street should be valued by impartial men and also paid for with interest—this is my opinion, and of which you'll please to inform the Honorable the Corporation if you think proper."

I am respectfully

Sir—Your very humble servt.

(sign'd) Jno. G. Coster.

N. B. "I have commuted for the Quit-Rent which sum of course will be repaid with Interest."

Whereupon, Resolved—that the Common Council do not agree to the terms proposed by Mr. Coster, and that the Counsel proceed forthwith to take the legal steps for taking said property for said purposes of a Public Slip or Basin.

Mr. Van Amringe presented the following Resolution:—

"Resolved, that the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to report to this Board on or before the Second Monday in May next, and so from time to time on the Second Monday in May of each succeeding year, a correct and accurate list of all the real property belonging to or in possession of or claimed [161] by this Board, and particularly where the same is situated with the number and Street or other accurate description of the same—likewise the nature of the tenure by which it is held, whether productive of income, and the amount of the same, and if leased the date and term of the lease and to whom leased."

which Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Stevens presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved, that hereafter the Inspectors of Elections be paid a per diem allowance of Three dollars, during the continuance of their duties as Inspectors. The same to be paid in lieu of all expences, except the wages of the Clerks and Peace Officers."

which was agreed to.

Alderman Coles presented Resolutions on the subject of Canal Street—which were referred to the Canal Committee, and 50 copies of the same were directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

Ordered—that a Warrant issue in favor of Alderman Brackett for Sixty dollars for payment to Counsel for opinion given on the subject of the powers of the Corporation to take property for Public Slips.

[162] This being the period assigned by Law for the Appointment of Inspectors for the ensuing Annual State and Charter Election, the Board proceeded to the performance of that duty, and, balloting having been dispensed with, the following persons were appointed Inspectors in the several Wards, as follow:

First Ward	Jeromus Johnson
	James W. Lent
	Elisha Tibbets
Second Ward	Jonathan Thompson
	Joseph Riley
	Elam Williams
Third Ward	William H. Ireland
	Henry McFarland
	Jackson Haines
Fourth Ward	Abraham Bloodgood
	John Brown[er]
	Joel Post
Fifth Ward	Roger Strong
	John Conrey
	Martin L. Wilkins
Sixth Ward	William AlBurtis
	Richard L. Walker
	William Coulthard
Seventh Ward	Benjamin Prince
	Benjamin A. Akerly
	David Brooks
Eighth Ward	Samuel M. Thompson
	Gilbert Coutant
	Edmund Kirby
Ninth Ward	William A Davis
	Jacobus Dyckman
	James Striker
Tenth Ward	John Drake
	Judah Hammond
	Cornelius Schuyler.

A member stating that he had confidential business to communicate, the Lobby was cleared and

The Doors Closed.*

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The Comptroller Reported, as follows:

Balance in the Treasury on the 6th instant	9288.85	
Received for Streets	3000.00	
" " Wells & Pumps	86.21	=12,375.06

Accounts Audited.

Corlis & May, flaggs Broadway	200.00	
Pet. Parsells, regs Sts. Greenwich	200.00	
Jos. Willoughby, regs Hammond St	200.00	
B. Hill & R. Ayres, fils basin Dey St	500.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for Reprs	800.00	
Rich. Furman, Treasr N. A. H. balce	2876.38	
J. W. Brackett—to Counsel's payt opinn	60.00	
Steph. Allen—Charity J. F. Mangin	50.00	4886.38
	Balance=	$7488.68

Adjourned to Monday next 4 o'clock.

[164] In Common Council April 20. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Jones Jr.
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe.
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
Robert McQueen	John Remmey
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effingham Schieffelin.
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Ezra Weeks, proprietor of the City Hotel, stating that [a] number of years since he erected a Stone Step and Platform in front of said Hotel, against which no objection was made and it has since remained: that he has lately at the suggestion of the neighbourhood erected an iron railing in front of said Platform: that he has been informed that the Platform extends in the street beyond the distance prescribed by Law, but as it would be attended with considerable expence to remove it, and as it comports with the opinion of the immediate neighborhood, [165] as expressed by their Recommendations accompanying the Petition, he prayed relief—was read—Whereupon it was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the Licensed Cartmen of the City, praying that the following regulations may be established in respect to licensing Cartmen:

"1. That no single man, especially Mechanics or Minors be licensed.

"2. That no Licenses be granted to Aliens.

"3. That no License be granted to any person unless he shall "have been a Resident of the City one year.

"4. That no Cartman be permitted to own more than one horse "and Cart."

The same being read was referred to his Honor the Mayor, to act in the premises as he shall deem most conducive to the public Interest.

A Communication which had been made to the Mayor by the Reverend Mr. , one of the Clergy of the Catholic Church, was read—stating, that a Coloured Man at the Alms-House who had been sick had been put into a Coffin while yet alive, and that upon a Remonstrance having been made on the subject he had been taken out and had not died for a [166] considerable time after—A Representation from Doctor Brown, one of the physicians at Bellevue, was also read, stating that the person was one who was ill of a malignant fever, and respecting whom directions had been given to place him in the coffin as soon as he was dead: that upon the fact being made known to him that the man was still alive tho' in a coffin he had him immediately removed, and that he lived but about an hour afterwards. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Alms-house Committee, with directions to report a statement of the facts at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition of Peter Lacour for Appointment as Wood Inspector: one of Wright Carpenter as Street Inspector: one of Daniel Corning as City Guager: one of Gershon Ludlam as Inspector of Manure; and one of Hugh Pownall for some office under the Corporation—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Thomas and George Lovett, for payment of Account for repairing the Pier at Fulton Slip—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[167] A Letter from Richard Varick to the Mayor, stating that two several bonds of the Corporation to him dated the 17th of February 1812—one for $2940 and the other for $20,000, would fall due on the 1st of May next, and that he would attend at the Comptroller's Office on that day between 10 and 12 o'clock to receive payment—was read and laid on the Table.

The following resignations of persons appointed as Inspectors of the ensuing Election were received and accepted: and the following persons appointed in their place.

Ward.	Resigned.	Substituted.
1	Elisha Tibbets	John Nitchie.
3	Henry McFarland	Garrit B. Abeel.
4	John Brown	Benjamin Crane.
5	Martin S. Wilkins	Geo. H. Ireland immediately Resignd
.....	George H. Ireland	Ezra Weeks.
.....	Roger Strong	Thos. J. Campbell.
9	Jacobus Dyckman	Oliver Hibbert.
8	Edmund Kirby	Jacob Aimes.

A Letter was received from the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company, stating that by the placing of the foundation of the Building erecting by Mr. Vanderlyn upon the Lot at the corner of Chamber and [168] Augustus Street, leased to him by the Corporation, one of the Main Pipes which supplies the City with water had been broken up—and praying permission to place the same under the ground of the Park or of Pearl Street—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance against paving Avenue "D," from a number of the owners through whose grounds the same will pass, was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Street Commissioner.

A Request of the Reverend John Hanning, that the Room over the Watch House in Spring Street, which he had rented for the purpose of a School Room, might be put in Repair—was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A Petition of John Stebbins, stating that by mistake the value of his personal property had been carried out in the Book of Assessments of the 5th Ward $5000 instead of $500, and that the tax had been laid on him accordingly, and praying relief—and transmitting a Certificate to that effect from the [169] Assessors of the Ward—was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

His Honor the Mayor stated, that there had been served upon him as Mayor of the Corporation of New York a Writ of Injunction at the suit of Richard Varick, in relation to the opening of Bleecker Street.

A Petition of Maria Bogart, to be permitted to sell vegetables in the Market as an agent for a person residing in the country, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from A. L. Pennock & Co. of Philadelphia, stating that they have obtained a Patent for a species of Fire Engine Hose termed Rivet Hose, much superior to that in common use, and offering to contract to supply the same, was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer.

A Petition from John Dietz, J. Dietz Jr. and Michael Dietz, Manufacturers of Glue in the Eigthh Ward, praying to be permitted to continue their Manufactory at said place, was read, and leave given to the Petitioners to withdraw their Petition.

[170] A Petition of James W. Anderson, praying payment for a Pump belonging to him, which upon the opening of Hudson Street into Chamber Street now stands in the public Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of a number of owners of Lots in Greenwich Village, remonstrating against the plan adopted by the Corporation for regulating the grounds in said Village, as being injurious to their property and extremely oppressive—was read and referred to a Special Committee of Aldermen Buckmaster Burtis Thorp Messieurs Jones Stevens Akerly Allen Taylor

A Petition for a Lamp on the West side of Market Street Slip, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Greenwich Street near King Street—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commis- [171] sioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Columbia Street near Broome Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed the Collector.

The Street Committee, Street Commissioner and Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward, to whom was referred the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants in the First Ward in Water Street, respecting a Passage way from Water to Front Street called Cuyler's Alley, which they prayed might be widened and a Street made through—reported, "that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the petition."

(sign'd) E. Holmes
" John Remmey
" J. B. Coles
" J. McComb
St. Comm^{r}

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Troup & Goelet—Reported, "that it would be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition, as it was opposed to an Ordinance of the Corporation."

(sign'd) E. Holmes
" J. Remmey
" John M^cComb
Street Comm^r

[172] The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 2."

Aug^tus Cregier—Carver—49 Chrystie St. 10 ward—vice Arza Avery, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 26."

Nath^l Harris Jr.—Fish Mong^r—124 Henry S. 7 ward—vice David Ogden Earl, Res^d

Hen. Townsend Jr. Carpenter—Forsyth St. 10 ward—vice James Clark, Resigned.

Edward Dayton, Ship Chand^r—178 Bancker S. 7 w^d—vice James Hoyt, Expelled.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 32."

Jno. Milderberger—Carpent^r Chatham c. Chamber—6 ward—vice Abr^m Salter, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:

	"Namely."		
Mrs. R. Murray	Own & Occ	48 Orange St	Lot
Francis Spicer	do do	Allen St.	do
A. L. Stewart	do	Watts St	do
Will. Brevoort	Own.	29 Oak St	do
Moses W. Hunt	Occ.		
A. L. Stewart	Own	Sullivan St.	do
Christian Stamler	Les	Elizabeth St	do
Jacob Barker	Own	Rivington St	do
do	Own	Sheriff St	do
Jno. Van Orden	Own	Rivington c. Sheriff	do
[173] Peter Ogilvie	Own.	Sheriff St.	do
G. Little	Own.	Cannon St.	do
T. & G. Lovett	Own	do	do
Jas. Malow	Own. & Occ	3 Bancker St.	Privy

Geo. Thompson	Own	65	Division St.	Privy.
S. Lyon, A Palmer and Mr. Smith	Occ.			
Mr. Griffen	Own	49	Cherry St	do
A. R. Griffen	Agt			
John Langdon	Occ.			
G. Janeway	Own.	76	Chatham St.	do
Will. Jackson	Occ			
Jno. L. Van Kleeck	Own.	167	Washington	do
J. Anderson	Occ			
Th. Stevenson	Own. & Occ	17	Gold St.	do
Jas. Thompson	Own.	19	do	do
Z. Diswold	Occ.			
Stewart McAllen,	Les. & Occ.	8	do	do
Matthew Hunt	do. do	4	Hague St.	do
D. Lining	Own.	5	do	do
Mary Lynch	Occ			
Thos. Cave	Les. & Occ	6	do	do
D. Lining	Own.	7	do	do
J. Kerwan	Occ			
Edmd Fitz Gerald	Own. Occ	8	do	do
Edwd Wilson	Les. & Occ	13	do	do
Henry Peters	Own.	201	Pearl St.	do
M. J. D. Dissosway	Occ.			
Jno. McClellan	Own. & Occ	209	do	do
W. J. Stewart	Own	221	do	do
T. W. R. Satterlee & Co.	Occ			
Jno. J. Glover	Own	225	do	do
P. Stratton	Occ			
[174] D. G. Campbell	Own	239	do	do
P. Demilt	Occ			
Jno. Treadwell	Own. & Occ.	243	do	do
do	do do	245	do	do
J. Corlies	do do	283	do	do
Will. Thurston	do do	291	do	do
F. Gardner	do do	305	do	do
Mrs. A. Byvanck	Own.	309	do	do
E. Cornell	Occ.			

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Market Committee presented a Report accompanied by Returns of Fly, Washington, Duane, Spring Street, Centre and Catharine Markets. To wit

"Report of the Committee."

"The Market Committee beg leave to lay before the Board the Returns of the Butchers, and the numbers of their Stalls they now occupy in the Fly, Washington, Catharine and Centre Markets, and recommend that they be licensed agreeable to the said returns made to them by the Deputy Clerks of said Markets."

(sign'd) Geo. Buckmaster
" John B. Coles
" Stephen Allen
" A. L. Underhill
" William Stone

[175] which was Approved, and Licenses directed to be issued to them agreeably to the following Returns:

"A List of Butchers standing in the Fly Market, April 11. 1818."

(sign'd) Peter Amerman
Deputy Clerk.

1.	William Pulis	26	Christian Truss
2	Nicholas Steel	27	William Wright
3	Matthias Smith	28	James Wright
4	George Pierson	29	James Byrns
5	John Gritman	30	John Norman
6	John Chappell	31	John Whitehand
7	Vacant	32	John Hobart
8	William Pomford	33	Martin Silber
9.	James Bashford	34	Daniel Tier
10		35	John Rudman
11		36	William Warlow
12		37	Henry Schop (vact)
13		38	Eliphalet Wheeler
14	Thomas Gibbons	39	John Simosen
15		40	Willet Cornell
16		41	Andrew Wheaton
17		42	Peter Wilt
18		43	Daniel Burtnell
19	David Perrin	44	John Nash
20	John Hyde	45	Henry Marsh
21	John Kent	46	David Marsh
22	Caleb Concklin	47	Edward Patton
23	John Abale	48	William Reynolds
24)		49	Andrew Fisher
25(	Scale & Passage	50	John Doughty

[176] 51. William Patton
— Sam. De Camp. Occ.
52 James Carr
53 John Stambler
54 John Perrin
55 Saml T. Weeks
56 Christian Stambler
57 Jacob Manold
58 William Masserve
59 Michael Crawbuck
60 William Foster
61 Cornelius Schuyler
62 N. Underhill
63 William Everitt
— Effm Marsh, Occ.
64 E. Underhill
65 Benj. Cornell
— L. Jarvis, Occ.
66 Jos. O. Bogart
67 William Kline
68 Geo. G. Messerve
69 Daniel Winship
70 John Pell
71 David Seaman
72 George Manelt

"Return of all the Butchers in Washington Market."

(sign'd) Richard Smith
Deputy Clerk.

1 John S. Fink
2 Jno. Geo. Gratt
3 Chs. Weatherspoon
4 Thomas Starr
5 Nicholas Dean
6 John Shain
7 George Haws
8 Simeon Travis
9 Charles Gwyer
10 Benjamin Davis
11 John Henning
12 Isaac Vaughan
13 George Vaughan
14 William Vonck
15 Jacob Flager
[177] 30 Christian Hartell
31 John Hutton
32 Cornelius King Jr.
33 Adam Hartell
35 John Devenport
36 Lawrence Wiseburn
37 Jacob Aims
38 Henry Weeker
39 John Brewer
40 George Hutton
41 William Passman
42 William Chivvis
43 John Chevvis
16 Mich. Hylerman
17 James Owens
18 Chs. Myers Jr.
— J. L. Finkstall Occ
19 Hugh Goble
20 Jacob Harriot
21 Christian Harriot
22 Charles Gilman
23 Chs. Gilman Jr.
24 Thomas Corlieys
25 Barthw Granger
26 John Pessinger
27 Isaac Byce
28 Samuel White
29 Francis Spicer
44 Henry Owens
45 William Hopkins
46 John Hopkins
47 Jacob Acker
48 James Chevvis
49 Philip L. Luff
50 Cornelius Chevvis
51 Lodwick Harple
52 Ernest Keyser
53 Thos. Jeremiah
54 Abrm Vermilia
55 John Fink
56 Alexr Fink Jr.

"Return of Butchers in Duane Market."

(sign'd) Richard Smith
Deputy Clerk

1 John P. Tier
2 Robert Tier

" Return of Butchers in Spring Street do.

(sign'd) Richard Smith
Deputy Clerk.

1 Ernest Fink
2 Alexander Jeroleman
3 Adam Coutant
4 Frederick Glashan
6 John Glashan

"Return of Butchers standing in Catharine Market, April 20. 1818."

(sign'd) John Bremner
Deputy Clerk.

1 Francis F. Dominick
2 William Moore
[178] 5 Matthias Tier
6 Christn Hertell Jr.
7 George Thompson
8 Philp Bowerhan
9 William Messerve
10 Richard Varian Jr.
11 Peter Valintine
12 Caleb Vandenburgh
13
14 Philip Romaine
15 John P. Harmoney
16 James Taylor
17 Samuel Martin
18 Joseph Conklin
19 Joseph Hyde
20 Jeremiah Tier
21 Walter Durbrow
22 Jno. Valintine Jr.
23 Silvanus S. Townsend
24 John K. Floor
25 Jacob Varian
26 Jacob H. Varian
3 John B. Smith
4 John Lyon
27 William Shott
28 Richard Platt
29 Jas. Goodman
30 Andrew Hutton
31 Jonath. Skillman
32 Thos. McCrady
33 Matthew Byrnes
34 Jacob Odle
35 H. Pessinger (Vact)
36 Andrew Smock
37 Willm Messerve
38 Olley Fisher
39 James Reeves
40 Adam Dobbs
41 Jacob Pessenger
42 Matthew Vogal
43 Solomon Dean
44 William Appleby
45 Nich. Laurance
46 Thomas Marshall
47 Thos. Place Jr.
48. Blaze Tenbrook.

" Return of Butchers Standing in Centre Market, April 13. 1818."

" Jno. Bremner "
Deputy Clk.

1 Asa W. Wisson
2 Joseph Blackwell
3 William H Gross
4 John Hilliker
5 Jacob Tier
6 William Reeves
7. Stephen Hilliker
8 John Fash
9 Thomas Mook
10 William Bowne
11 Jas. Simoson
12 Andrew Bazley
13 William Mook
14 John Triglor

[179] The Finance Committee on the Petition of the Sextons of the several churches, Reported:

"That they have given the same due attention, but can discover no sufficient reason for taxing the public for the performance of so small a service, and for which the Legislature, who passed the Law under which they act in this capacity, would have doubtless provided had it been deemed expedient. It is therefore recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted."

(sign'd) Thomas R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was approved.

The Superintendant of the Alms House, Bridewell and Penitentiary presented his annual Report—"Shewing the number of Paupers who have been admitted into the Alms house from the 1st day of April 1817 (including those at that time in the House) to the 1st day of April 1818; and the number discharged, and who died in the House, during the same period; also the number of Paupers now in the House, designating their sex and places of birth; the Prisoners or Vagrants in the City Prison, Bridewell and Penitentiary; the [180] Maniacs in the City Asylum; also an Account of Money distributed amongst the Out door Poor by the Commissioners during the time aforesaid." as follows:

Paupers in and admitted in the Alms house from the 1st of April 1817 to 1st Apr. 1818		3100
Paupers discharged	1354	1594
do died	240	
Remaining in House 1 Apr. 1818		1506

Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Total
338	492	420	256	1506

City N. York	State N. York	United Sts.	England	Scotland	Ireland	Germany	France	West Indies	Africa	Total
780	133	143	91	35	256	39	5	12	7	1506

Vagrants in City Prison and Bridewell on 1st Apr. 1818. Men 65. Women 48		113
Prisoners & Vagrants in City Penitentiary 1 Apr. Men 175. Women 125		300
Maniacs in City Asylum at expence of Alms-house. Men 17. Women 21		38
Cash distributed to Outdoor poor from 1st Apr. 1817 to 1st Apr. 1818..		$6347.59
1081 loads wood, carting &c.....	2883.75	3949.38
4000 bushels potatoes, cart[g] &c.....	1065.63	

New York (sign'd) Rich[d] Furman
April 1. 1818. Superintend[t]

[181] which report was directed to be published and printed for the use of the Members.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved, that the Street Commissioner lay before the Board a statement shewing the amount paid by the Corporation for opening and improving Streets and Avenues over and above the sum collected from the persons benefitted by said Improvements, and that said statement shew the sums paid for each improvement separately"—which was agreed to.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to:

"Whereas the improvement of the ground near the old Alms House, lately granted to Mr. J. Vanderlyn for the erection of a building for a Panorama, has made it necessary to remove the Stable used for public purposes for the Commissioners of the Alms house—Therefore

"Resolved that it be referred to a Special Committee to select a suitable place for erecting a Stable for the purpose aforesaid.

"Resolved, that the Superintendant of Repairs proceed to build the same under the direction of the said Committee, [182] as soon as the ground shall be selected."

Alderman Coles presented the following Resolution:

"Whereas by the Ordinance prescribing the duties of the Comptroller, he is, among other things required "to keep a regular set of books by way of double entry, in which shall be kept an account of all money received and paid out for the Corporation," and it appears that such regular set of books hath not been kept, but that instead thereof two irregular sets of books have been kept, in which entries have been improperly made and posted in some cases; and in others omitted to be made, in consequence whereof the books do not

balance, and a disorder and ambiguity does and has for many years existed in that department highly disreputable to it:

"And by the same Ordinance it is made the duty of the Comptroller "to exhibit a balance sheet of such books to the Common Council once in every Six months" and it appears that no such balance sheet has been exhibited for many years, by which omission the representatives of this City have been deprived [183] of that salutary supervision of all accounts opened and kept in the books, relating to the Annual Receipts of about half a million of dollars and the expenditure thereof, highly disreputable to that department:

"The great object and end sought for in creating the Office of a Comptroller was, that he should keep a regular Account of all money received from and paid to the other departments and individuals, without receiving or paying any himself, and that all charges of this nature, advanced upon unsettled accounts, should stand open in the books until the same are regularly settled and credited in conformity to the directions and instructions of the Common Council, and that all entries, made in the books or posted, should never be so obliterated but that the original should be legible: thus, and thus only, can that accountability be enforced, so essential and important to the public good—by the double entry every sum it embraces must be posted to the credit of one account or accounts and to the debit of another account or accounts, and thereby check and balance each other—and by the half yearly exhibition of all accounts standing open in the books of the Comptroller, [184] the representatives of this City would see and become more intimately acquainted with all the money concerns over which they preside and which they direct thro' their organ the Comptroller—these considerations are particularly important to the people of this City, who annually elect and so frequently and so properly change their agents in the Common Council.

"Under all circumstances connected with this subject, the Common Council do not perceive, that the public good would be advanced by instituting an enquiry into the causes which have led to the state of things here presented, but the present members feel it to be their duty to adopt such measures as appear best calculated to enforce an observance of the aforesaid Ordinance hereafter—and presuming that these irregularities have arisen in some measure from the appointment of Comptrollers not well acquainted with keeping the Accounts as prescribed by law, it seems proper that a suitable Clerk to this Department should be appointed by the Common Council, who shall be acquainted with the nature and keeping of such accounts, to take

charge of the books, to furnish the balance sheets, and to do [185] such other things as may appertain to his office, under the superintendance and direction of the Comptroller.

Therefore—

"Resolved, that at the next meeting of this Board, they will proceed to the appointment of such Clerk so qualified, and that he be paid an annual Salary in quarter yearly payments of
Dollars.

"Resolved farther, that the Comptroller lay before this Board a balance sheet of the ledger or ledgers in his office, on the second Monday in May and on the Second Monday in November in every year, to the end that the Members thereof may see every account standing open therein, and the amount thereof to its debit or credit, and that such balances be always struck and carried down in the Ledger in figures, to correspond with the Balance Sheet.

"Resolved farther, that as soon after the appointment of said Clerk as the nature of the case will admit, the Comptroller with the assistance of such clerk shall cause all the Accounts to be brought into one set of books, and that by proper single entries they be made to balance, and be thereafter kept in conformity to the aforesaid Ordinance or such other [186] as may be hereafter made."

The question being taken on the First Resolution, and a Division having been called by Alderman Coles, it passed in the Negative, as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Underhill Holmes Smith McQueen Buckmaster Burtis Thorp Munson. Messieurs Stone Remmey Akerly Taylor Schieffelin Allen 15.

Affirmative. Alderman Coles Messieurs Jones Stevens Van Amringe 4.

A motion was then made that the consideration of the Second Resolution be postponed until the Second Monday in May—which was carried. The question was then taken on the Third Resolution and negatived. The question being then taken on agreeing to the Preamble, it passed in the Negative.

This being the period for the appointment of Commissioners of the [187] School Fund, the following persons were reappointed:

Peter H. Wendover
Augustus Wright
Abraham Russel
Roger Strong
Francis Cooper.

The Petition of Sarah Halloway, presented at last meeting and laid on the Table, was called up: and it was Resolved, that Petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

The Comptroller Reported: as follows.

Balce in Treasury, 13 inst	$=7488.68	
Recd for Tax 1817, 4 & 7 wards	4700.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	300.00	
" " Common Lands	373.15	
" " Streets	759.60	
" " Canal Street	500.00	=14,121.43
Anderson & Walton—Watch 1 dist	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd do 2 do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower do 3 do	413.00	
Abm Stagg—pavg Orange St	1714.83	
Martha Golden—Execx—pavg Hudson St	514.81	
Jno. Sloan—regulg Bleecker St	200.00	
Jno. Culbert—pavg Oliver St	100.00	
Hugh Smith— do Orange St	100.00	
Jno. Andriese—Awd property—1st St	122.11	
Caleb Felch—1 ins. Well, Columbia St	45.88	
Richd Furman—Supdt Alms-house	2000.00	=7011.38
Balance	$=7110.05	

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[188] In Common Council April 27. 1818.

Present. The Honble C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
Geo. Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Arthur Burtis	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Request from Messrs. John, Robert and Samuel Swartwout, praying to be permitted to assign their lease of the Ferries from Vesey and Spring Streets to Mr. Philip Hone who has purchased the Boats and equipment from them—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of William Baldwin, for permission to remove a House from No. 41 Barclay Street to Leonard Street at the corner of Collect Street—and a Petition from Joseph T. Hamilton to [189] remove a House from No. 38 Cherry Street to a lot in Lombardy Street—were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayers of the Petitioners.

A Petition of John George Gottsberger, stating that he is proprietor of ground adjoining the Corporation Lots of Common Lands Nos. 29 and 30 lying between the Eighth and Ninth Avenues and between 63d and 65th Streets, which lots he was desirous of leasing from the Corporation for a Term of years—was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with power to lease the same at auction in such manner as they may deem expedient.

A Petition of R. Pearsall for the appointment of a Weighmaster, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Memorial of sundry persons, that South Street may be continued until it forms a junction with Front Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, with an injunction to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

A Letter from Noah Jarvis was received, [190] stating that since his appointment as Collector of the Canal Street Assessment no order has been taken by the Board as to the Compensation which is to be allowed him, and praying that the same may be determined on—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Littlefield, for the appointment of Superintendant of Repairs of Docks—was read, and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of James Smith, for permission to construct a Vault in the Street at 59 Fulton Street—a similar request from D. & G. Bruce for a Vault in Chamber Street—and one from Samuel Davis for a Vault in Duane Street—were severally referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of Amos Corning, one of the City Surveyors, requesting payment for Maps made by him of the Lots assessed for opening Canal Street amounting to One hundred and sixty dollars, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[191] A Petition of John Dias, praying that a certain Lot on Canal Street in the Eigth Ward and adjoining his property may be directed to be drained or filled up, as its present situation was injurious to

him—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and City Inspector.

A Petition of Sundry Boatmen employed in the conveyance of Manure, complaining of the operation of the Law which prohibits the receiving or delivery of Manure at any of the Public Slips between the 1st day of May and the 1st day of December, and praying its repeal—was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of Jessy Atkinson, stating that she has been assessed to the sum of Seven hundred dollars on 3 Lease lots she holds being for opening Hudson Street into Chamber Street: that she has lately received a further notice to pay Twenty five dollars Seven cents for paving the Intersection of Hudson and Chamber Streets: that she has paid seven hundred dollars, and prays it may be accepted in full, she being the widow of a person who lost his life in the service of the United States, and having 3 children to support—Whereupon, the same was [192] referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Mollinor and McDonald, praying remission of fine incurred by an obstruction in the Streets—was read and referred to the Attorney to report.

A Petition of James Stuart, complaining of the Assessment laid on him for improvement in Oliver Street—was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Richard Wight in behalf of Gibbons, for permission to erect a house for Elizabeth Town Boats at the Pier fronting on Washington Street near the Battery—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of the Society for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, for the use of a Room in the New York Institution for the purposes of their Institution, was read and referred to the Alms-House Committee.

The Street Commissioner represented, that Mrs. Holloway, the owner of the House standing in Lispenard Street, had been duly noticed to remove the same, but had refused to comply. Where-[193] upon, it was ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs under direction of the Counsel proceed to cause said House to be removed forthwith.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:

John Glover	Own.	Mott St.	Lot.
Robt. M. Livingston	do.	Walker St.	do
A. L. Stewart	do	White St.	do

R[t] M. Livingston	Own.	Chapel St.		Lot.
Lynde Catlin	Own.	29	Reed St	Privy
Steph. Killroy	Occ.			
N. Rogers	Own.	96	Warren St.	do
R[t] Barnes	Occ.			
John M[c]Lean	Own.	25	Oliver St.	do
do	do	27	do	do
Jno. Shaw, dec[d]	Own	15	Pearl St	do
Ann Shaw	Agt.			
P. J. Nevious	Occ.			
Lynde Catlin	Own. or Agt.	277	do	do
J. Kane	Occ.			
P. Allison	Own.	201	Greenwich St.	do
Kirby & Frost	Occ.			
P. Allison	Own.	201½	do	do
B. Fountaine	Occ.			
W. Robertson	Own.	231	do	do
J. Jerelamen	Occ.			
J. G. Lake	Own	233	do	do
J. Newton	Agt.			
Will. Guest	Occ.			
J. B. Murray	Own.	237	do	do
D. S. Doty	Occ.			
[194] ——— Titus	Agt.	239	do	do
Jno. Bonsall	Occ.			
F. Shonnard	Own.	259	do	do
A. Morrow	Occ.			
W[m] Green	Own.	277	do	do
J. Faupel	Occ.			
Jno. M[c]Mullen	Les. & Occ.	279	do	do
C. Graham	Own.	305	do	do
J. Burns	Occ.			

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

A Resignation of John Nitchie, Inspector of Election of the First Ward, was read and accepted and Benjamin U. Coles was appointed in his place. It was also represented that Jeromus Johnson one of the Inspectors of said First ward had met with an accidental injury which would prevent his attendance at the Poll, and he requested

to be exempted from that service—whereupon Samuel Tooker was appointed in his place. The following other resignations were accepted & appointments made:

Ward.	Resigned	Appointed.
10	Cornelius Schuyler	Charles Dobbs.
9	James Striker	Valentine Nutter
	William A. Davis	John Doughty.

[195] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in King Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, which was passed, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and John *Targee* [Brower] were appointed Assessors. He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Dominick Street between Varick and Hudson Streets, which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of James W. Anderson, Reported:

"That in his opinion it will be improper to allow Mr. Anderson any compensation for the Pump—when that property was taken to extend Hudson Street, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessments considered it as belonging to Mr. J. J. Labousse and awarded him the sum of Five Thousand and Eighty four dollars seventy seven cents in full for all damages sustained by him for the property taken to open and extend Hudson Street, and allowed him thirty days to remove his buildings from off the Street."

Respectfully submitted

(sign'd) John McComb
Street Commr

which was approved.

[196] The Special Committee, to whom were referred the Petitions on the subject of Hackney Carriages, presented a Report—which was directed to be laid on the Table and to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Committee of wharves, Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Ebenezer Stevens and others for water grants near Brooklyn, Reported:

"That the waters lying between high and low water mark on the Brooklyn shore, between the East side of Dock Street and the property of the petitioners, being about 35 feet in width, be granted to them

on the usual terms, and that the Counsel of the Board be authorized to prepare a Grant accordingly."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill,
" G. Buckmaster
" Eldad Holmes,
" John M^cComb,
St. Comm^r
" G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which Report was approved—and the Counsel was directed to prepare Grants therefor.

[197] Alderman Munson, Chairman of the Alms House Committee, stated, that the Legislature had at their late Session passed the Law requested by the Corporation, authorizing them to take additional grounds adjoining the Alms House for the purposes of that establishment—He therefore moved that the Counsel take legal measures to procure the ground mentioned in their Report presented on the 16th of March last. Which motion was agreed to.

Alderman Smith presented the following:

"Whereas by the 169 Section of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce several laws relative particularly to the City of New York into one Act," passed April 9th 1813, the Common Council were authorized to determine the amount of the Salary of the Mayor of said City. Therefore—Resolved, that the Salary of the Honorable the Mayor be fixed at Seven thousand dollars per annum." The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative.

Alderman Coles presented a Resolution, allowing to the High Constable a yearly salary—which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Allen, Resolved—that [198] the Counsel take legal measures to open Oliver Street agreeably to the Resolutions of the Common Council.

The Comptroller Reported, as follows:

Balce in Treasury 20 inst	$7110.05	
Recd for Tax 1817—1, 2, 4, 5, 6 wards	16068.00	
" " Rents	2855.69	
" " Excise	369.50	
" " Tavern Licenses	44.10	26,447.34

9 Accounts Audited.

Rich. Varick—2 Bonds—payt 1 May	22,940.00	
J. McComb—St. Cr—1 qr's Sal. 12 inst	500.00	
B. Birdsall—Iron fence, Park	500.00	
Manhattan Co. Water—1 year—1st May	33.33	
G. Snethen—Supg & light. Lamps. 1 mo	744.92	
Geo. Charlton—buildg Well, White St	59.37	
J. Barnum—Supg Wharves 24 days 1 ins	48.00	
J. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. regg Park, Battery, & to pay workmen public	1300.00	
J. P. Roome, Reprs. Docks & Slips	100.00	=26,225.62
Balance		$=221.72

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[199] Special Meeting

In Common Council April 28. 1818

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor. President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Reuben Munson	Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Arthur Burtis	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Robert McQueen	Effingm Schieffelin
J. W. Brackett.	

The Mayor informed the Board, that he had called this special meeting, in consequence of the refusal of some of the Inspectors of the Election to act.

The Board then proceeded to appoint the following persons Inspectors in the place of persons refusing or unable to act:

Ward.	Appointed.	Resigned.
1	David Johnston	Samuel Tooker.
9	William Hooghland	William A. Davis
"	Henry Post	Valentine Nutter
10	Jerh Lounsberry	Charles Dobbs

Resolved, that the Mayor be requested not to renew the Hack Licenses to Hackney Carriage Drivers till the 3d Monday in May next.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[200] In Common Council May 4. 1818

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Jno. B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Eldad Holmes	W. F. Van Amringe
Thomas R. Smith	William Stone
Robert McQueen	John Remmey
Geo. Buckmaster	Jacob B. Taylor
Arthur Burtis	Effing. Schieffelin
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Hassel Wheeler, and of James Vandenburgh for Stall No. 51 in Fly Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Mehitabel Carpenter, and of Bridget Trimble for Hucksters' Stands were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Schmerhorn, Samuel A. Lawrence and William Edgar Jr. for permission to extend the Piers Nos. 9 and 11 as far into the North River [201] as the Pier No. 12, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Memorial of John Low, stating that the House occupied by William A. Hardenbrook standing in the Tenth Avenue is a great inconvenience and praying its removal, was read—whereupon the following Resolution was presented and agreed to: "Resolved that the House standing in the Tenth Avenue and now in the possession of Mr. William A. Hardenbrook be disposed of at public sale, under the direction of the Finance Committee; and that its removal on or before the 20th inst. be one of the conditions of said sale."

A Memorial of Benjamin Bruff, stating that he had invented a Machine for sweeping chimnies which will render unnecessary the employment of Sweep-Chimnies, and praying the aid of the Board to enable him to construct the same—was read and referred to the former Committee on the subject of Chimney Sweepers.

A Petition of John Clark and others, stating that on opening the Drain or Sewer in Liberty Street it was found that the Main Sewer in Maiden Lane was obstructed, and praying the said Main Drain may be cleansed—was read [202] and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of William T. Slocum, late Registerer of Deeds, that he

may be permitted to use the Chancery Court Room for a few days for the deposite of Sundry Deeds and Mortgages belonging to individuals and which had been left in his Office to be recorded—was read and referred to the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Petition of Abraham S. Hallet, for permission to construct a Cistern in the Street opposite No. 38 Bancker Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of Benjamin U. Coles, for permission to lay a Drain from his house at the corner of Pearl, Bridge and Water Streets to communicate with the private Drain in Bridge St. or with the Common Sewer in Broad Street, and also to frame a Cistern under the footwalk—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Dixon and Chs. Boyce, for permission to remove a Frame House from Orange Street to [203] Franklin Street next the corner of Orange Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition.

Sundry Remonstrances against the continuance of the Hackney Stands were read and laid to be taken up when the Report of the Committee on that subject is considered.

A Memorial of Mott and Williams in behalf of the Fulton Steam Boat Company was received, stating that in the Spring of 1815 they rented from the Corporation the Easterly half of the West Pier of Fulton Slip for the accommodation of their Boats, for which they pay Seven hundred dollars per annum: that the use they intended to make of it was to store the quantity of fuel requisite for daily consumption: that such use of the Pier is essential to them, and praying the Board to take the same into consideration—which was referred to the Committee on Wharves and Alderman and Assistant of 2d Ward.

A Request for permission to construct Vaults in Leonard Street in front of the Lots of Gamaliel Smith and George Newbold, and in Broadway in front of [204] the Lots of S. M. Bradhurst, S. Walker and Richardson Kingsland—were referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms.

A Petition from the New York and Jersey Steam Boat Company, stating that by the Lease to them from the Corporation there was leased to them for the term of 18 years from the 1st of May 1811 all the ferry and right of ferriage from the City of New York to so much of the Jersey shore as lies between a point immediately south of Hoboken and a point due west from the Battery Castle: that they understand an application has been made to establish a ferry from the

City of New York to a point within the limits granted to said company; and praying such request may be denied—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

An account was presented from the Inspectors of Election in the First Ward for expences incurred by them for Room hire and so forth—which was referred to the Comptroller.

The Mayor stated, that he had deemed it expedient in order to in- [205] troduce more order and system among the Carmen to call in all their Licenses and to direct new Licenses to be issued to them; and he requested to know from the Common Council upon what terms said licenses should issue—Whereupon, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of 5 nuisances, as follows:

George Warner	Own.		Canal St.	Lot
Geo. Lorillard	do		Green St	do
Jno. M^{c}Kesson	do	128	Pump St	Privy.
W^{m} L. Simers J. C. Tucker	Own. Occ.	98	Cherry St	do
Mrs. A. White R. Lowerre	Own Occ	11	Ann St.	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:—)

"Hook and Ladder Company, No. 4."

Palmer Clark, Carpenter, 15 Augustus St. 6 ward, vice John Fowler, Resigned.

Sam. Maynard, Carpenter, 70 Pump St. 10 Ward—vice F. Raymond, Resigned.

Geo. B. Reece, Gentleman, 161 Cherry St. 7 ward [206] vice Jno. Douglass, Resigned.

Caleb U. Sutton, grocer, 30 Chrystie, 10 ward. vice Peter Cullins, Deceased.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 1."

Will. Falconer, Blind M^{r}, 336 Greenwich, 5 w^{d}—vice Moses Coleman, Deceased

" Fire Engine Company, No. 6."

Thos. Barnes, Carpenter, Church c Leonard, 5 ward—vice John Baker, Deceased.

Jno. Urmey, Black Smith, 5 Provost, 5 ward—vice W. Pearsall, Resigned.

Jos. Eldridge, Mason, 154 Church, 5 ward, vice Smith Pettit, Resigned

" Fire Engine Company, No. 11."

Chs. Rosencrantz, Sadler, 145 Water St. 1 ward—vice John Napier, Resigned—

" Fire Engine Company, No. 29"

Garret Akerman, Carter, Perry St. 9 ward—vice Jno. Van Houten, Removed

" Fire Engine Company, No. 31."

W. Durant, Carpenter, 64 Provost, 5 ward, vice Henry Merritt, Resigned

" Fire Engine Company, No. 33."

Geo. Hunter, Grocer, Watter St. 7 ward—vice W. Hunter Jr. Resigned.

Job. Miller, Carpenter 7 ward—vice G. Brinckerhoff, Resigned.

[207] Benjamin Sutton, grocer, Garrick St. 10 ward—vice John Seaman, Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication, stating that Hill and Ayres, the Contractors for filling in Dey Street Basin had not complied with their contract, and requesting the instructions of the Board—which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward, Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication suggesting an alteration in Bleecker Street—which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented a communication, stating the accidents which happened by persons leaving open the grates of Coal and Wood Vaults in the Streets, and recommending a remedy therefor—which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Franklin Street at the intersection of Provoost and Collect Streets, which was passed, and John Targee, Jacob C. Mott and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors.

[208] He also presented the following Assessments, which were

confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed the Collector in each: namely, for regulating and paving Franklin Street from Elm to Orange Street; for regulating Leonard Street from Orange to Elm Street, and for regulating Houston Street from Broadway to Thompson Street.

The Counsel presented a Grant of a Water Lot at Brooklyn to Peter Schermerhorn Junior, Ab. Schermerhorn and Austin L. Sands—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Thomas and Geo. Lovett, for payment for repairing the Wharf East side of Fulton Slip, Reported:

"That they have ascertained that the Petitioners were employed by Mr. Barnum, the Superintendant of Wharves and Piers appointed by this Board; it is therefore incumbent on the Corporation to pay the Messrs. Lovetts—but, as the property repaired belongs to Mr. Rogers, who (it is understood) refused to take any measures in the premises, the amount can and ought to be recovered of him—it is therefore proposed [209] that the Comptroller report at the next meeting a warrant in favour of T. and G. Lovett for One hundred and five dollars fifty cents, and that he immediately take the necessary steps to recover the same amount from the Owner of the property repaired."

(sign'd) Thos. R. Smith
" Stephen Allen
" Reubent Munson
" Leonard Kip.

which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward, on the Petition of Ezra Weeks, reported:

"That the Petitioner has erected in front of the City Hotel an iron railing upon a platform that had been standing for many years, nearly seven feet from the front of the Hotel upon Broadway between Thames and Cedar Streets being nearly two feet further in the Street than the Law permits—But considering that the Hotel is an establishment ornamental and reputable to the City—that the railing is low, not more than about five feet above the Street, leaving a wide walk—and that it is ornamental to the Street—Your Committee recommend that it be permitted to [210] remain as it is."

(sign'd) John B. Coles
" S. Jones Jr.

which report was approved.

The Alms House Committee, on the communications respecting the person at the Alms House put in a coffin before decease, reported in the following words:

"Richard Furman, Superintendant of the Alms House, states that on the 11th April Job Young a negro-man who had been about 6 months in the Alms House as a pauper died in sick ward No. 5; that said Young was under the charge of Mr. Stephen Brown House Surgeon; that on the day of his death information was brought to witness that a man was put into a coffin before dead, and upon going to the sick ward where the said Young lay the witness found that the orderly man of Ward No. 5 named Lewis Stephens had placed the body of the said Young into a coffin, nailed him up and removed the coffin into the entry-way, but it was discovered a few minutes afterwards that he moaned; and before witness arrived the body had been taken out and placed on a bed, where it lay gasp- [211] ing till the breath finally departed about an hour and a half afterwards. The witness farther states it was on Saturday 11th and the body was not interred till Monday 13th April.

"Stephen Brown House Surgeon states, that about ten days ago (viz. on the 11th April) Job Young a negro-man who had been sick about 3 days with Typhus Fever was put into a coffin by Stephens the orderly-man of sick ward No. 5, in the full belief that said Young was dead. Witness had ordered that Young should be removed from the Ward as soon as he was dead, because the Ward was crowded and the fever was of a malignant cast. The Negro had been insensible nearly 24 hours, had not spoken during that time, and he appeared to have breathed his last when put into the coffin. It was discovered by some of the patients that he still breathed after being put into the coffin and removed into the entry. When information of this was given, the body was instantly removed and placed again upon his bed where he expired about 2 hours afterwards.

"Lewis Stephens, orderly-man of Sick ward No. 5, states that he put the body of Job Young into a coffin with the help of Johnson another [212] black man. Witness thought that the man was dead when put into the coffin, and Dr. Brown had ordered him to remove the body from the ward as soon as the breath had left him. Johnson, as well as the witness, thought Young was dead when they put him in the coffin, nailed him up and removed him into the entry. Johnson has left the Alms House. Body was in the coffin nearly half an hour before discovered to be still alive. Never spoke after being taken out of the coffin, but breathed hard and gasped: lived about an hour &

an half after being taken out. Witness to be sure that Young was then dead, refused to touch the body till the House Surgeon was sent for and it was clearly ascertained that he was no more, when the witness again assisted in returning the body to the coffin and nailed it up.

"Doctor Benjamin A. Akerly, Visiting Surgeon, was at the Alms House on the 10th April inst: visited the surgical patients that day in company with Mr. Stephen Brown House Surgeon. In going the rounds thro' the sick wards saw in No. 5 Job Young who appeared to be [213] dying and therefore did not call for any medical prescription.

"Joseph Starry a Patient in the Alms House states, that on the 11th April while passing down stairs heard a groan and upon listening at the head of the coffin heard the groan repeated, upon which he gave information that the person in the coffin was yet alive. Others then came and with a hatchet opened the coffin while witness went down stairs. The person was a negro, and breathed and moaned after being taken out of the coffin and put upon a bed. How long he lived afterwards did not wait to learn.

"Patience Bartow, Nurse of No. 1—being called by Starry the preceding witness, went to the coffin in the entry and heard a groan. Immediately hastened down stairs and got a hatchet, and with Slatterly opened the coffin which contained a negro. He had his eyes fixed, he moaned but did not speak: was immediately removed to a bed where he lay about two hours before he died.

"Peter Slatterly states, that after Job Young was first put into the coffin witness was called, and on listening heard that he still breathed and moaned, and accordingly proceeded to open the coffin with the [214] hatchet procured by Patience Bartow. The negro in the coffin did not open his eyes nor speak, but frothed at the mouth, gasped and moaned, and was immediately removed from the coffin to a bed, where he lay insensible, but how long before he died witness did not call to enquire.

"Mr. Francis Cooper was on a visit to the Alms House on the 11th April last, in company with several ladies. In passing thro' that part of the Establishment where the above mentioned sick negro lay, saw the empty coffin in which he had been laid, and also saw the negro lying on the bed having been just taken from the coffin. The witness observed that the Negro was still alive, but insensible and with his eyes fixed. He left a lady praying with the negro, and waited

about half an hour, and then left the house. Witness further states that he saw the coffin when first taken into the house, and he thinks it was not more than half an hour when he again saw it in the entry after the Negro had been removed to the bed.

"The Committee had concluded to report the preceding state-
[215] ment of facts without comment, but altho' they were only required to state the facts, they find the case requires the severe censure of the Board, and is too highly aggravated to be passed by without notice. The sum and substance of the enquiry is, that, on the 11th of April 1818, a negro man named Job Young sick at the Alms house was put into a coffin, nailed up and remained so nearly half an hour while yet alive, and that he lived almost two hours after being taken out.

"It appears to your Committee that the order given by the house surgeon was precipitate and too hastily complied with by the orderly man of the ward in which Young lay, but this haste was occasioned in the negro by the alarm excited in stating that the disease was of a malignant character. Why there should have been any thing alarming in a simple case of Typhus Fever does not appear, for there was no prevailing sickness of the kind in the Alms house at the time, nor any other epidemic disease, and the season was cool and comfortable.

"It also appears to the Committee that the question of life or death in a human being should not be left to the decision of an ignorant negro, as the symptoms of death are generally not well understood and are sometimes equivocal. Hence the common practice of letting [216] our deceased friends lie on a bier or in an open coffin till the moment of removal for interment, when all become satisfied that the vital spirit hath fled. This practice should not be departed from in a public institution like the Alms house. Wherefore to prevent a similar occurrence for the future, the Committee beg leave to propose as part of this Report

"1. That it hereafter be the duty of the House Physician & House Surgeon to the Alms house to examine every person reported to be dead, to ascertain the fact and decide thereon, and thereupon to order the corpse to be conveyed to the Dead House.

"2. That if there be no dead-house attached to the hospitals of the Alms house, the Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized to have one built within the walls of the Establishment.

"3. That after conveying a corpse to the dead house, the coffin

shall not be nailed, screwed or fastened up until the moment of removal for interment."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Geo. B. Thorp

which was approved, and the Resolu- [217] tions proposed were agreed to.

The Market Committee, on the Petition of Henry Pessinger for Stall No. 35 in Catharine Market, reported in his favor and that a License issue to him for the same—which was approved.

The same Committee, on the Petition of George W. Varian for Stall no. 13 Catharine Market, reported in his favor and that a License be granted to him for the same—which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Petition of Noah Jarvis, Reported:

"That they have considered the same—they find it has been attended with a variety of expences not usual in ordinary cases and much time has and will yet be consumed in the collection and final adjustment of it. It is therefore proposed that he be allowed to retain two and an half per cent out of the monies collected, as a compensation for his services & for all expences he may have been at of every kind relating to this assessment—The said 2½ per cent to be estimated on those accounts adjusted by set-off as well as on monies actually received."

(sign'd) T. R. Smith—Stephen Allen
" R. Munson—Leonard Kip.

which Report was approved.

[218] Alderman Smith presented the following Resolution—which was agreed to:

"Whereas the Board did on the 13th March 1817 agree to sell a certain piece of ground at the Albany Basin; and whereas the said sale was afterwards postponed in consequence of a claim set up to part of the said ground by Robert R. Hunter

Therefore—Resolved—that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be empowered to take such steps as in their opinion may be for the public interest for quieting the said claim, in order that the wishes of the Board may be carried into effect."

Alderman Smith presented a Resolution directing the sum of Three hundred dollars to be paid to the Reverend John Stanford for his clerical services at the Alms house, Bridewell and Penitentiary dur-

ing the past year—which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

Ordered—that a Warrant be reported for Two hundred and Sixty three dollars in favor of Abraham Stagg on account of his Contract for regulating and paving Orange Street—which was passed.

[219] The Report on Hackney Carriages was called up and read. Alderman Smith moved to strike out the first section, for the purpose of introducing a Section as an Amendment. The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the affirmative. He then proposed the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Hackney Coaches be permitted hereafter to stand in the crown or centre of those streets which are at least Sixty feet wide, at such distances as shall be pointed out by the Street Commissioner."

Mr. Allen then proposed the following Resolution, which was agreed to:—

"Resolved—that hereafter each and every driver of a Hackney Carriage shall receive a License as such from the Mayor: and if any owner of a Hackney Carriage shall, after the Third Monday of May instant employ any person as a Driver of his Hackney Carriage, without having first obtained a License from the Mayor for such person as a driver of a Hackney Carriage, he shall, for each and every time such person shall drive his carriage forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars."

Mr. V^{n} Amringe then moved the following, which was agreed to:

"Resolved—that every Hackman licensed as a Driver shall for every [220] such License pay One Dollar."

Mr. Allen then moved, that the Residue of the Report of the Committee be stricken out—which was agreed to. The Counsel was then directed to report an Ordinance agreeably to said Resolutions.

A member stating that he had something to communicate which required secrecy, the Lobby was cleared and the

Doors Closed.

The Street Committee and Counsel of the Board, to whom had been referred on 13th April last a Report of the Comptroller relative to a Contract for the Street Manure, reported:

"That they have had a conference with Messrs. Hitchcocks on the nature of the Law to be passed by the Corporation and the Contract to be entered into by them.

"It appears to the Committee, that the Contractors formed their calculations different in some measure from that contemplated by the

members of the Committee: and under all circumstances, considering the price offered, the arduous duties to be performed, the convenience to the citizens from the adoption of the new mode of cleaning the Streets, and the expences which will accrue to the [221] Contractors by a faithful discharge of their duties, they would recommend to the Board, that a deduction be made of Twelve hundred dollars, leaving the amount to be paid 8500 dollars per annum. They would also recommend that the Street Commissioner be authorized to accommodate the Contractors with a suitable place or places, (provided such place can be furnished without expence or inconvenience to the public) for the Deposit of Street Manure only, from time to time, where he thinks will be suitable."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" Ogden Edwards
" Leonard Kip
" John Remmey.

which Report was agreed to.

The Counsel then presented a Law entitled "A Law to amend a Law to regulate the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets in the City of New York"—which was passed—and the publication thereof was directed to be delayed until the 3d Monday in May inst.

The Counsel also presented the draught of a Contract with the Messrs. Hitchcocks on the subject of the Street Manure, which was directed to be duly executed, and the Counsel was instructed to attend to the execution of the Contract on the part of the Messrs. Hitchcocks.

[222] It was then Resolved. that, when the Board adjourn, they will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 10 o'clock—and the Clerk was directed to procure from the Clerk of the City and County a Return of the Members and Officers elected at the last Charter Election, and give them notice to appear in the Common Council Chamber on Monday next at 12 o'clock to take the oaths prescribed by Law and the Charter. It was also Resolved that the Board will make the quarterly visitation of the Bellevue Establishment on Monday next at One o'clock.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 27. Apr	221.72	
Recd for Tax 1817. 3d ward	4500.00	
" " Common Lands	1411.74	
" " Third Avenue	144. 2	
" " Canal Street	500.00	
" " Streets	100.00	6877.48

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1 district	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd, Watch 2 district	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3 district	413.00	
[223] Ogden Edwards, Counsel of Board—1 qr's Salary 27 February	125.00	
W. J. Waldron, Asst City Inspect. 1 mo. 1 inst. and expences	54.00	
Obadiah Ayres—Asst City Insp—1 mo. 1 inst. and expences	58.39	
Geo. Mills—Asst City Inspec. 1 mo. 1 ins. and expences	52.00	
Ben. Hicks—Asst City Insp. 1 mo. 1 ins. and expences	52.00	
Jonath. Weeden, Street Inspec. 1 mo. 1 ins. and expences	52.00	
Sam. Hutchings—Street Inspec. 1 mo. 1 ins. and expences	52.00	
Astin & Cochran, Messengers. 1 mo. 1 inst	60.00	
Dan. H. Magee—Keepr Potter's Fd 1 mo. 1 inst	45.00	
Rich. Furman—Supt Alms house	2000.00	
Abrm Stagg—pav. Orange St. ordered at the Board	263.00	5027.14
	Balance	$=1850.34

Adjourned to Monday next. 10 o'clock A. M.

[224] In Common Council May 11. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
John B. Coles	Samuel Stevens
Geo. B. Thorp	W. F. Van Amringe
Anth. L. Underhill	William Stone
Eldad Holmes	John Remmey
Thos. R. Smith	Samuel Akerly
Robt. McQueen	
Geo. Buckmaster	
Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Counsel, agreeably to the reference to him, presented a Law to amend the Law regulating Hackney Coaches & Carriages, which was read by paragraphs, amended and passed.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips, on the Petition of Peter Schermerhorn, Samuel A. Lawrence and William Edgar, reported:

"That they have consulted the Street Commissioner on the within application—do recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be grant- [225] ed to extend their Piers Nos. 9 and 11 into the Hudson

River as far as No. 12 belonging to the Corporation, under the direction of the Street Commissioner."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes

which was agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the Representation of the Street Commissioner relative to the danger of leaving open the grates of Vaults, reported, as follows:

"Your Committee are sensible of the existing evil, and in order to prevent it they recommend the adoption of the simple contrivance as proposed by the Street Commissioner, and in order to carry the same into effect, they propose that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare the draft of an Ordinance to that purpose."

(sign'd) Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey

which was approved, and the Counsel was directed to report an Ordinance agreeably thereto.

The Street Committee, Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward and Street Commissioner, on the report of the Street Commissioner relative to Hill & Ayres' Contract for filling in Dey Street Basin, reported:

"That they have viewed the [226] premises aforesaid. Altho' the Contractor has not fulfilled his engagements to the Corporation agreeable to his Contract—The Committee under all the circumstances, with due consideration, believe nearly one half of the aforesaid basin is filled in—do recommend that the Contractor have an extension of time to the 1st of August and that a warrant be reported for One thousand dollars on account thereof, at the next meeting of the Board."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Eldad Holmes
" John Remmey

which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported accordingly.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Mott and Williams in behalf of the Fulton Steam Boat Company, presented a report, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition to have the Main Sewer in Maiden Lane cleansed, reported:

"That on trial being made it has been found that the Main Drain in Maiden Lane is obstructed, between William Street and [227]

the outlet at Fly Market. He would therefore recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to cause said Drain to be opened and cleansed, and that the enclosed Ordinance be passed for that purpose."

(sign'd) John McComb
St. Commr

which was approved: the Ordinance presented was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors therein.

The Comptroller presented a statement of the Accounts of the Corporation for the last year—which was laid on the Table.

The Counsel presented a Lease for Two Lots of land in the 9th Ward to William A. Hardenbrook—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel presented the Contracts for the Street Manure with the Messrs. Hitchcocks, agreeably to the terms of their proposal—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel reported.

"That in consequence of the maps of the ground to be taken for the purpose of improving Dover & Oliver [228] Streets and also of the ground contiguous to the New Alms' house, not being prepared in season, that the petitions for those improvements are not ready to lay before the Board.

As the Supreme Court is now sitting, and it will not be regular to present petitions after the present week, he recommends that an order should be made for executing the petitions during the Recess of the Board."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards

which was approved, and the Petitions directed to be authenticated in the Recess of the Board.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for Correction of the following Nuisances:

Jno. J. Astor David Clark	Own. Lessee.	Washington St.		Lot.
Ben. Armitage,	Own. & Occ.	54	Pine St.	Privy
James Black E. Davis	Own. Occ.	43	Ferry St.	do
J. Bronson M. Fuller	Own. Occ.	112	Chamber St.	do.

J. Robinson	Own.	151	Chamber St.	Privy
M. Peterson	Occ.			
G. Walton	Own.	166	Fly Market	do
J. Harris	Occ.			
J. Haviland,	Own. & Occ.	123	Water St	do
D. Sullivan	Own.	127	do	do
J. Purdy	Occ.			
[229] Robert Spier	Own.	145	do	do
M. Newton	Occ.			
T. Reynolds	Own.	147	do	do
J. Hemming	Occ.			
G. Haight	Own.	151	do	do
H. Stafford	Occ.			
Jno. Tait,	Own. or Les. & Occ.	169	do	do
Josiah Williams,	Own. & Occ.	171	do	do
G. Walton	Own.	75	South St	do
G. Duryee	Occ.			
J. Hackhurst	Own.	173	Water St.	do
J. Burling	Occ.			
L. Moore	Own.	205	do	do
J. Turner	Occ.			
L. Moore	Own	205½	do	do
J. P. Haff	Occ.			
S[t] Gorham	Own. & Occ	211	do	do
J. Coddington	Own.	213	do	do
J. Dunn	Occ.			
Caleb Pell,	Own. or Les. & Occ.	219	do	do
P. R. Livingston	Own.	219½	do	do
N. Miller	Occ.			
S. W. Disbrow	Own.	227	do	do
W. H. Featherston	Occ.			
A. Wright	Own.	229	do	do
N. Mills	Occ.			
A. Byvank	Own.	233	do	do
S. Pier	Occ.			
A. Byvank	Own.	235	do	do
M. Ryder	Occ.			
Bogert & Kneeland,	Own.	235½	do	do
J. Wood	Occ.			
W. Donovan	Own. & Occ.	249	do	do

[230] G. Ellison J. Gould	Own. Occ.	245 Water St.	Privy
James Rickets William Palmer,	Own. Agt.	213 Spring St.	Lot

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

which Ordinances were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for opening, cleansing and repairing the Drain on the Easterly Side of Broad Street, which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well in White Street near Broadway—which was confirmed, and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner reported that two of the Assessors appointed in the Ordinance of the 27th May 1816 for a Well and Pump in Lewis Street have declined acting, and therefore recommended that John Targee and Jacob C. Mott be appointed Assessors in their place with Abraham Bloodgood the former Assessor—which was approved, and an Ordinance passed appointing John Targee and Jacob C. Mott accordingly.

[231] The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Stephen Whitney and others, presented a report, which was read & laid for consideration.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution directing the Superintendant of the Alms house to pay as heretofore the Overseers of the convicts —which was read and laid for consideration.

Mr. Alderman Smith presented a Resolution referring it to the Committee on Offices to assign to Chief Justice Thompson who has recently removed to this City a Room in the Hall for the transaction of business relating to his official duties, if such room can be procured—which resolution was read and agreed to.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board a Return which he had received from Benjamin Ferris Clerk of the City and County of New York, which Return was in the words following:

"By the returns filed in my office it appears that, at the late elec-
"tion of Charter officers for this City, the persons herein after named
"were elected to the Offices set opposite to their respective names:

[232] Ward	Person	Office
First	Peter Mesier	Alderman
	Thomas Bolton	Assistant
	Samuel McCoun	Assessors
	Jno. V. B. Varick	
	Danl J. Ebbits	Collector
	Robert Graham	Constables
	Peter Hojer	
Second	Elisha W. King	Alderman
	Samuel Stevens	Assistant
	Abraham Valentine	Assessors
	William W. Fox	
	Henry W. Peckwell	Collector
	John C. Gillen	Constables
	Jas. G. Rhodes	
Third	Anth. L. Underhill	Alderman
	Leonard Kip	Assistant.
	Nathl C. Griffiths	Assessors
	Hermanus Tallman	
	Francis V. Many	Collector
	Elijah Fountain	Constables
	Oliver A. White	
Fourth	W. F. Van Amringe	Alderman
	John P. Anthony	Assistant
	Lewis Hartman	Assessors
	Peter Bonnet	
	Adolph L. Degrove	Collector
	James G. Finn	Constables
	Rufus Seely	
Fifth [233]	John Morss	Alderman
	Jno. J. Westervelt	Assistant
	George Sutton	Assessors
	Richard Kidney	
	William Berrian	Collector
	John Striker	Constables
	John M. Lester	
Sixth	Robert McQueen	Alderman
	Shivers Parker	Assistant
	Alexander Clark	Assessors
	Abraham Baudouine	
	Thomas Mooney	Collector
	Dennis Dougherty	Constables
	Bernard R. Kelly	
Seventh	George Buckmaster	Alderman
	Samuel Akerly	Assistant
	Jamieson Cox	Assessors
	David Lyon	
	Morris Oakley	Collector
	Robert Phillips	Constables
	Azel Conklin	

Eighth	Jacob B. Taylor	Alderman
	David Board	Assistant
	Isaac Emmons, Nich[s] Schureman	Assessors
	Moses Cunningham	Collector
	Samuel Y. Clark, John W. Kern	Constables
Ninth	George B. Thorp	Alderman
	Effingm Schieffelin	Assistant
	John Adriance, Jos. Willoughby	Assessors
	Isaac L. Varian	Collector
	Joseph Madden, John Connover	Constables
[234] Tenth	Reuben Munson	Alderman
	Stephen Allen	Assistant
	Walter Howell, Jonathan Brown	Assessors
	John Palmer	Collector
	Henry G. Disbrow, John Varick	Constables

This being the day assigned by law for the newly elected Officers to be sworn into office, the above named persons attended in the Common Council Chamber and there in the presence of the Common Council took *and prescribed the presented* [the Oaths prescribed] by the Charter and Laws, the same being administered by the Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor of the City & President of the Common Council.

The oaths of office having been administered to the newly elected officers, the Board was again formed by the following Members, and the following business was transacted.

The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	Joseph Board.
[235] Jacob B. Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

On motion of Mr. Allen, the Board proceeded to a consideration of the Rules and Orders for the transaction of business at the Meetings of the Common Council, when the following were adopted:

Rules and Orders
of the
Common Council
of the
City of New York.
Passed May 11. 1818.

1. Upon the appearance of five Aldermen and five Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder, shall take the chair as President, and the members be called to order.

2. Immediately after the President shall have taken the chair, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistakes therein may be corrected by the Board.

3. The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Board.

4. The President shall in all cases be entitled to one vote, and no more.

5. Every Member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat and address himself to [236] the President.

6. When two or more members shall rise at once, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

7. No Member shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every member, chusing to speak shall have spoken.

8. No question on a motion shall be debated or put unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded it shall be stated by the President before debate, and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it.

9. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn at any time before discussion or amendment.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless

1. To amend it.
2. To commit it,
3. To postpone it,
4. For the previous question, or
5. To adjourn.

11. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

12. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments [237] and debate of the main question, and shall be in this form—"Shall the main question now be put?"

13. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

14. A member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide on the case but without debate: if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

15. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

16. Upon a division in the Board, the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against the question shall be entered upon the minutes, if any two members require it.

17. In all divisions taken by the Board it shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter on the Minutes the name of the member calling for the division.

18. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, unless made at the same meeting or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be [238] reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

19. All appointments of Officers shall be made by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board.

20. No member shall absent himself without permission from the President.

21. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

22. The Standing Committees shall be as follows:—

1. Alms House,
2. Applications,
3. Assessments,
4. Arts and Sciences,
5. Canal,
6. Charity,
7. Defence,
8. Ferries,
9. Finance,
10. Fire Department,
11. Lamps,

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12. Laws,
13. Markets,
14. Police,
15. Public Lands and Places,
16. Public Offices.
17. Repairs,
18. Roads,
19. Streets,
20. Sunday Laws.
21. Watch,
22. Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Those on Applications, Ferries, Fire Department, Lamps, Laws, Repairs, Sunday Laws, Public Offices, Charity and Defence shall consist of three, and the others of five." By the Common Council,

(sign'd) Jacob Morton, Clerk.

And it was directed to be referred to the Clerk of the Common Council to cause the said Rules, as also the names of the Members of the Committee and of the Officers, together with their places of residence to be printed in a Pamphlet form for the use of the Members of the Board.

Mr. Stevens presented the following:

"Resolved, that the Board appoint two persons to supply the Vacancies in the Special Committee on the Streets in the Village of Greenwich and that the said Committee consider and report on this subject."

which was approved, and the Mayor declining to nominate the Committee, the Board nominated and appointed Alderman Morss and Alderman King to supply the places of Alderman Burtis and Mr. Jones, who cease to be members of the Common Council.

He also presented a Resolution on subject of a room for Chief Justice Thompson, which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices

[240] The Comptroller reported.

Balance in Treasury 4 ins	$1850.34	
Recd for Tax 1817—2d & 6 wards	5000.00	
" " Common Lands	569.25	
" " Streets	900.00	
" " Wells and Pumps	100.00	= 8419.59

Accounts Audited.

Jacob Morton, Clerk, 1 qr. Saly 1 ins	312.50
Richard Furman, Supt Alms H. & officers 1 qr 1 inst	625.00
Will. Hoghland, Keepr Penitentry and 3 asstˢ 1 qr 1 inst	587.50
G. Sickels, Keeper City Prison and 2 asstˢ 1 qr 1 inst	350.00

Accts. Attending Sessions Viz.

J. B. Coles Esqr.	12	days	February	48.00
J. W. Brackett	12	"	do	48.00
A. L. Underhill	36	"	March, Apr. May	144.00
E. Holmes	12	"	March	48.00
T. R. Smith	12	"	April	48.00
G. Buckmaster	12	"	January	48.00
A. Burtis	12	"	May	48.00
R. Munson	12	"	January	48.00
Thos. P. Low, printing Corporation, 1 qr. to 1 inst				201.25
John Fine, Carriage Hire for Road Committee				37.00

Rev. Jno. Stanford, clericl services at Alms H. &c. last year	300.00	
Hen. Underhill, engrossg Laws & Ordinances of Corporation	50.00	
[241] Ja. W. Lent, Inspectrs & Clerks electn 1 ward	52.00	
Jonath. Thompson, Insp. & Clks Election 2 ward	52.00	
Wm H. Ireland, Insp. & Clks. Electn 3 ward	68.00	
Benj. Crane—Insp. & Clks. Elect. 4 ward	60.00	
Thos. J. Campbell—Insp. & Clks. Elec. 5 ward	68.00	
Rich. S. Waldron—Insp. & Clks. Elec. 6 ward	60.00	
Benjam. Prince—Insprs & Clks. Elec. 7 ward	60.00	
Sam. M. Thompson—Inspr & Clks. Elec. 8 ward	68.00	
Oliver Hibberd—Inspr & Clks. Elec. 9 ward	60.00	
John Drake—Inspr & Clks. Elec. 10 ward	60.00	
B. Oblenis—to pay Convs prisrs to Prison. 6 mo. 1 inst	210.93	
Josiah Hedden, Spl Justice—Salr 2 mo. 27 April	125.00	
N. Comstock, 15 casks Oil	971. 8	
M. Crosby 15 do do	935.36	
Dan. Biggs—work at Lamp Posts—1 qr. to 1 inst	27.93	
T. & G. Lovett—repg whf. E. side Fulton Slip	105.56	
Hugh Smith, pavg Orange St. from Bayard to Pump St	100.00	
[242] Peter Parsells, regg Streets in Greenwich Village	200.00	
Chs. Mooney, flagg & paving at Duane Market	468.13	
Tucker & Mabie, repg Drain in Broad St	69.50	
Jno. Gallagher, balce Well, Perry St	63.45	
Hays Pennel, fixtures cistern at St. Stephen's Church	7.50	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for reprs	400.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs, for reprs. to Docks & Slips	250.00	= 7485.69
Balance		$=933.90

The Board then adjourned to the usual hour and place and proceeded, agreeably to the Resolution of the last Meeting, to visit the Establishment at Bellevue.

[243] In Common Council May 18, 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Joseph Board.
Geo. Buckmaster	
Jacob B. Taylor	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson.	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the following list of the Standing Committee for the present year, which agreeably to the Rules of the Common Council he had appointed:

Standing Committees

Appointed in Common Council,

May 18, 1818.

1. Alms House	Aldermen Munson " Morss " Thorp Messieurs Westervelt " Akerly.
[244] 2. Applications	Messrs. Board " Kip " Schieffelin
3. Assessments	Messrs. Westervelt " Anthony " Bolton Alderman King Mr Parker
[4.] Arts and Sciences	Mr Akerly Aldermen Morss " Taylor " Mesier " King.
5. Canal	Aldermen Morss " Taylor " Underhill Messrs. Parker " Schieffelin
6. Charity	Messrs. Parker " Bolton " Board
7. Defence	Messrs. Kip " Stevens Alderman King
8. Ferries	Alderman King " Buckmaster Mr Anthony.
9. Finance	Mr Allen Aldermen Munson " Van Amringe " Mesier Mr Akerly.

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10.	Fire Department.....	Mr Anthony Aldermen McQueen " Underhill
11.	Lamps	Aldermen Munson " Van Amringe Mr Anthony
12.	Laws	Aldermen Van Amringe " King Mr Bolton
13.	Markets	Alderman Buckmaster Mr Allen Aldermen Underhill " Mesier Mr Westervelt
14.	Police	Messrs Bolton " Allen Alderman Thorp Messrs. Stevens " Kip
15.	Public Offices	Messrs. Stevens " Allen " Akerly.
16.	Public lands & places.....	Aldermen Mesier " Taylor " McQueen Messrs. Parker " Schieffelin
17.	Repairs	Aldermen Thorp " Van Amringe Mr Kip
18.	Roads	Aldermen Munson " Van Amringe " Thorp Messrs. Board " Schieffelin

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19.	Streets	Aldermen Taylor " Morss Messrs. Akerly " Kip " Parker
20.	Sunday Laws	Aldermen McQueen " Munson Mr Bolton

21. Watch	Alderman Buckmaster Mr Stevens Alderman Taylor Messrs. Board " Westervelt.
22. Wharves, Piers & Slips....	Aldermen Underhill " Buckmaster Mr Allen Alderman McQueen Mr Stevens

(sign'd) J. Morton
Clerk.

A further Petition of Peter R. Pearsall for appointment of City Weigher and a Petition of John T. Lacy for the appointment of Inspector of Lumber, of John Lace for the appointment of Inspector of Bread, and of Andrew McCready and of John Van Wart for some public employment—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications: viz. Messrs. Board, Kip, Schieffelin.

[247] Petitions for a Well and Pump in Rivington near Chrystie Street and for one at the corner of Grand and Cannon Streets, were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Petition of Hugh Gallagher for remission of fine for taking a load of sods out of the 2d Avenue, was read and granted on payment of costs.

A Petition that the Sewer in Maiden Lane may not be opened, as it is unnecessary to cleanse it, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to act as he should judge expedient.

The following communication was received from D. S. Jones Esquire, which was referred to the Comptroller with directions to report a Warrant for Two hundred dollars for payment of the Counsel fees in said case:

"The late Counsel of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Common Council that the Ejectment Suit which was commenced by George Peck in the Supreme Court of this State at the January Term of that Court in 1813 to recover a portion of the Alms House Yard at the corner of Chamber [248] and Cross Streets has ended in a judgment in favor of the Corporation at the present May term of the Supreme Court.

"The Subscriber begs leave to state to the Common Council that Samuel Jones Jr. Esquire was associated with him as Counsel for

the Corporation in this cause by the Committee to whom the subject was committed in 1813—Mr. Brinckerhoff and Mr. Emmet being retained with Mr. Bogardus as Counsel for the Plaintiff—that the cause was warmly contested, the Trial at the Sittings having occupied Two days, and a very long and special case made for argument before the Supreme Court—and that no Counsel fees have yet been paid by the Corporation, either for the trial of the cause or the preparation for the Argument before the Court."

Respectfully submitted

May 9. 1818. (sign'd) D. S. Jones.

A Petition of Richard G. Ryder for License as a Butcher for the Town of Harlaem in the 9th ward, was read and granted.

A Petition of Benjamin Williamson to be relieved from a Judgment [249] recovered against him for encumbering the Street, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Abraham Stagg for payment of a Balance due him on the assessment for regulating and paving Orange and Mulberry Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Joseph Graff, stating that he had a License for Stall No. 23 Washington Market for a number of years—that he lately engaged with Charles Gillman to sell meat on said Stall in partnership, and that said Gillman has lately renewed the Licenses in his own name without the consent of Petitioner—and thereon praying relief; was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Hyde for Stall No. 19 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Bruff, stating that he had completed a Model of the machinery for mechanical Chimney Sweeping, and praying an examination of the same, was referred. to the former Committee on that subject with the addition of Aldermen Morss & Taylor in place of [250] Alderman Holmes and Mr. Remmey no longer members of the Board.

A Petition of M. Ditmis, complaining of the situation of Lots in the vicinity of property owned by him in Leonard Street near Orange Street—was read and referred to the City Inspector.

Petitions, of Robert McGill for permission to construct a Vault in Chamber Street; of William Roe for a Vault in Murray Street; and of Daniel Boardman for a Vault in Warren Street—were read and granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that Broadway may be paved and the side walk flagged from Bleecker Street to Art Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of this City and of New Jersey, that Hoboken Ferry may be removed from Murray Street to Vesey Street—and a Letter from Robert Swartwout as Agent for Philip Hone joining in said request—were read and, together [251] with other papers referred to the former Ferry Committee and not reported on, were now referred to the Ferry Committee appointed at this Session of the Board.

A Letter from H. and G. Barclay, offering to the Common Council for the purpose of facing the Bridewell and Gaol the Composition called " Parker's Roman Cement," was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Communication, on behalf of the Assessors of the several Wards, objecting against the Assessment Books as prepared lately under the direction of a Committee of the Common Council, as being inconvenient, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments, with authority to give such direction in the Premises as they shall judge expedient.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that Greenwich Street may be regulated from Bank Street to 13th Street, the Curb-Stone laid and the side-walks gravelled: and a petition that the Curb Stone may be laid in Washington Street from Le Roy Street to Hammond Street—were read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Jacob Rabineau, praying [252] for the use of the Waters at the foot of Murray Street to place there his Salt Water Floating Bath on such terms as should be deemed just and equitable—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that the Side walks of Elizabeth St. between Hester and Broome Streets may be paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Samuel Littlefield to be appointed Superintendant of Repairs of Docks and Wharves, was read and referred to the Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Complaint of D. Whitehead against the conduct of the Officers of the Street Commissioner's Department, was read and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his communication

A Request of John Hull and of sundry Inhabitants, that a small

shed erected by said Hull at No. 84 Bowery Lane near Broome Street over his shop door and. window may be permitted to remain—was read and [253] referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with directions to report thereon.

A Petition of John Magrath for permission to sell Oranges and other fruit in the Street, was read & leave given to withdraw the petition.

A Petition of Isaac Adriance, that the Corporation would take measures for closing the old road between 125th Street and Harlaem Bridge, as the same is useless since opening said Street and the 3d Avenue, was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants, that sundry Lots said to belong to Jno. Stockholm fronting on Little Water Street in the Sixth Ward may be ordered to be filled up and enclosed in fence, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 6th Ward & City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessments for opening Canal Street, and a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented a report on the petition of B. U. Coles, which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner.

[254] The following persons were appointed Firemen (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 6."

F. F. Valentine, grocer, 29 Leonard St. 5 ward, vice C. Dederer Jr. Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 9."

Steph. H. Herrick, grocer, 41 Beaver St. 1 ward, an additional member.

"Fire Engine Company No. 10."

Jos. Richard, doctor, Spring c. Bowery, 8 ward, vice Jac. Downing, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 24."

Jac. Duryea, Cabinet Mr, 30 Gold St. 2 ward, vice Hen. Thomas, Resigned

Dav. Woods, grocer, 3 Fulton St. 2 ward, vice Thos. Constantine, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 27."

Randolf Lowery, Meat-packer, 427 Greenwich St. 5 ward, vice Abraham Taylor, Resigned.

" Fire Engine Company No. 30."

Willett Worshburn, Cartman, Eldridge n. Stanton, 10 w[d] vice John Brewer, Resigned.

Jac. Westerfield, Rope M[r], Orchard n. Stanton, 10 w[d] vice Gilbert Platt, Moved.

Martin Flock, Rope M[r], Broome n. Elliott, 8 w[d] vice Geo. Crawford, Moved.

[255] " Fire Engine Company, No. 36."

Jos. Conklin Jr. Bricklayer, 527 Greenwich St. 8 ward vice Christ[r] Heiser, Resigned.

Isaac Marshall, Carpenter, Watts n. Sullivan, 8 w[d] vice Abraham Acker, Resigned.

Elkana Mead, Cartman, 56 Spring St. 8 ward vice John Beby, Resigned.

Alex[r] Jerolliman, Butcher, 474 Greenwich St. 8 w[d] vice Ben. Chrisey, Expelled.

" Fire Engine Company, No. 40."

Isaac Skaats, Cartman, Broome c. Forsythe, 10 ward, vice William Mallet, Resigned.

" Fire Engine Company No. 41."

Henry Crumb, Carpenter, Delancey n. Attorney, 10 ward, vice Alexander Stewart, Resigned.

Truman Bartholomew, Carpenter, Cannon n. Delancey, 10 w[d] vice Cornelius Williams, Resigned.

" Fire Wardens of the 2[d] Ward."

Jacob Drake, Grocer, 79 Beekman St. 2 ward, vice Isaac Wright, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following nuisances:

J[h] Smith	Own.	2 Crane wharf	Lot.
D[d] Smith	Occ.		
Miller & Baker	Own.	Canal front[s] on Vestry Thompson	Sts. Lots.
Chs. De Bevoise	do		
Will. Westerfield	do		
Widow Smith, Exec[x] A. Smith		Leonard St.	do.
[256] And[w] Stockholm	Agt.	Anthony St.	do
Moses Field	Own.	do	do
Mat. L. Davis	do	Little Water St.	do
Edm[d] Kirby	do	Leonard St.	do

Jno. R. Livingston	Own.		Little Water St.	Lot.
Will. Van Tassel Abr. Jacobs	Own. Occ.	7	Van Damme St.	Privy
Rich. S. Clark,	Own. & Occ.	17	Beaver St.	do
T. Stevenson W. Van Wyck	Own. Occ.	30	Broad St.	do
Mrs. Kane A. Patterson	Own. Occ.	15	Water St.	do
W. Nixen,	Own. & Occ.	87	Gold St.	do
Mr. Gibbs Dav. Tallman	Own. Occ.	96	do	do
Dan. Tooker Pet. G. Hart	Own. Occ.	98	do	do
Dan. Tooker W. Van Amringe	Own. Occ.	100	do	do
Dan. Tooker H. M^{c}Cormick	Own. Occ.	102	do	do
Mr. Ortley M. Van Horn	Own. Occ.	106	do	do
M^{r} Ortley Robt. Mitchell	Own. Occ.	108	do	do
Pet. Lorillard Tobias Green	Own. Occ.	12	Frankfort St.	do
Mr. Carlisle Will. Wilton	Own. Occ.	17	do	do
Dan. Burger Geo. Gilpin	Own. Occ.	31	do	do
Dan Burger Peter Roome	Own. Occ.	33	do	do
[257] Charles Miller	Own & Occ.	51.	do	do
Ann Warner	Own.	58	do	do
Morris Shipley	Own. & Occ.	59	do	do
Ann Warner	do do	60	do	do
Will. Meyers	do do	70	do	do

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Counsel informed the Board that the Reports of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening Roosevelt, Cross and Spring Streets, and for opening and extending Fourth and Henry

Streets were confirmed by the Supreme Court—whereupon Morris De Camp was appointed Collector of the Assessment for Roosevelt and Fourth Streets, and Noah Jarvis Collector of Cross, Henry and Spring Streets.

He also presented a Deed to George Lorillard for Lot No. 21 Collect Lots—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Abraham S. Hallett, reported:

"That as there is not room on the Lot for a Cistern—he would recommend that Mr. Hallett be permitted to build a Cistern in front of his Gangway between his two houses, provided it is constructed of stone or brick, and that the Mouth be placed within the [258] Gang way."

Respectfully submitted

(sign'd) John McComb
Street Commissioner

which Report was approved.

The Report of the Comptroller of the Accounts of the Corporation, and designating the sources of Revenue belonging to them, which was presented at the last meeting was referred to the Committee of Finance with authority to cause to be printed such parts of them and in such form as they shall judge expedient.

Mr. Stevens presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved, that the Clerk of the Board supply such of the new members, as have not heretofore been supplied, with a map of the City & County of New York, and the Laws of the State, and the Ordinances of this Corporation: And that the Superintendant of Repairs supply the new members with the usual Staves of Office."

Resolved, that Broom Street be numbered under the direction of the Street Committee: (Taylor, Morss, Akerly, Kip, Parker.)

[259] Mr. King presented the following:

"Resolved, that a Committee of Five be appointed with authority to cause a complete Index to be made of the Records of Deeds and Mortgages in the office of Register of this City, in such form as the said Committee may deem most expedient: and that such allowance be made to the person or persons who shall perform the service as the said Committee shall determine to be reasonable."

which resolution was agreed to, and a Committee appointed of, Alderman King Van Amringe Taylor Messrs Bolton Board.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in the Treasury on the 11th instant	933.90	
Recd for Mayoralty fees	228.25	
" " Tavern Licenses	4112.00	
" " Rents	4903.74	
" " Wells & Pumps	210.00	
" " Streets	6900.00	
" " Tax of 1817—2 & 6 wards	2200.00	
" " Commutn Alien passgrs	55.00	19,542.89

[260] Accounts Audited.

Watch.

Anderson & Walton, 1 district	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd, 2 do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower 3 do	413.00
G. N. Bleecker, Comptroller—1 qr. salary—15 inst.	500.00
Jonath. Pinckey, City Intendt 1 qr. 19 inst.	250.00
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. 1 qr. 14 inst.	225.00
Joseph Varick, Bread Inspect. 1 qr. 17 inst.	96.75
Jno. Burger, regg public clocks, 1 qr. 1 inst.	66.66
Jno. Sidell, 1st Marshall, to pay officers attending Polls	230.00
O. Edwards, Counsel, drafting sundry Laws &c	168.00
Amos Corning, 2 Maps Canal St. approved by Canal Committee	160.00
Jac. Hays, Apprehending Geo. Foote Nov. last, ordd by Police Comee	50.00
Jesse Dowe, Carriage hire March 12 and May 11	33.00
Rich. Buchan, Lists passengers 6 mo 1 inst.	25.00
Sam. Stillwell, 1 year rent, Lot for Engine, 19 Chrystie St. 1 ins	20.00
Leml Richardson, 1 year rent, Lot for Engine, 30 Rivington St	15.00
[261] Jno. McComb, S. C. repairg Roads	500.00
Geo. Charlton, Well, White St.	59.37
Caleb Felch do Columbia St.	45.88
Hill & Ayres, fillg Dey St. Basin ordered 11 inst.	1000.00
Higgins & Parks, 3d instalment. fillg Water-lots at Crane Whf.	900.00
Jno. Sloan, regg Houston Street from Broadway to Thompson St	100.00
Thos. Scott, balce pavg Orange St. from Pump to Hester St.	139.58
Jno. Stanley, regg Anthony St.	351.90
Jno. Culbert, bal. pavg Oliver St.	149.57
Pet. De Baun, regg Hudson St. from Charlton to Christopher St	3000.00

Will. Willersey, Awd Bancker St		2500.00	
Execrs Este Jno. Dixon	do	1450.00	
Thos. Collins	do.	1450.00	
Isaac Halsey	do	1268.50	
Jno. Turney	do	600.00	
Pet. Ogilvie	do	508.50	
Rich. Furman, Supt Alms H		1000.00	=19,076.46
	Balance		$=466.43

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[262] In Common Council May 23. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Jno. P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
Geo. B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had called the Board together at the request of several members for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of the public Slips or Basins to be formed at the foot of Roosevelt & Oliver Streets.

Mr. Allen, after some prefatory observations, presented the following Resolution:

"Whereas by an event lately transpired it has been ascertained that the occupation of the waters between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street, and also the waters between Oliver Street and Catharine Street as public slips will [263] cost the Corporation a much larger sum than what was anticipated, therefore

"Resolved—that the Counsel be directed to apply to the Court to stay all proceedings on the subject of occupying said waters until the further order of the Board.

"Resolved—that the subject be referred to a Committee to devise and report a plan which under all the circumstances shall be most conducive to public utility, and at the same time least burthensome on the finances of the City."

Alderman Van Amringe moved as an amendment that the following be inserted after the word occupying "the waters west of a line to be drawn from the westerly line of the property of John Clark." The question being taken thereon, and a Division being called by Alderman Van Amringe, it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Aldermen Mesier Morss McQueen Buckmaster Messrs Bolton Stevens Westervelt Parker Board Allen 10

Affirmative. Aldermen King Underhill Van Amringe Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Akerly 8

[264] The question was then taken on the Resolution and agreed to: and it was referred to the Committee of Wharves, and the Alderman & Assistant of the Fourth Ward to report thereon. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, the Counsel was instructed, in case the Court should not suspend the proceedings, to apply to vacate them and discharge the Jury.

The following was presented by Mr. Stevens and agreed to:

"Resolved—that the Rules of the Corporation and the Names of the Members, the Standing Committees, the Officers of the Board, and of the Departments be published by the Clerk under the direction of the Committee on Public Offices."

The subject of the Books for taking the Assessments by the Assessors of the different Wards was referred to the Committee on Assessments with authority to direct such form to be pursued as they shall judge expedient.

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[265] In Common Council May 25. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Rob. McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Complaint from sundry Inhabitants against the situation of a

Lot at the corner of Broadway and Marketfield Street, and against the Swine which are permitted to run at large without having rings in their noses as directed by Law, was read—Whereupon it was Resolved that the subject respecting swine be referred to the City Intendant to enforce the law, and the residue to the City Inspector and Superintendant of Repairs with authority to take measures to remove the complaint.

[266] A Letter was received from the New Loan Officers, stating that it has become necessary for them to demand payment of the sum due on the Mortgage given by the late Anthony L. Bleecker, and which premises were purchased in on account of the Corporation. Whereupon, it was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to pay off the same if deemed expedient.

A Remonstrance against granting the prayer of Benjamin U. Coles for the use of the Sewer in Broad Street was read and laid for consideration until the Report of the Committee on that subject is made.

A Petition of the African Free School Institution, stating that the encreased numbers under their care made it necessary to erect another School Room, and praying the aid of the Corporation to enable them to effect that object, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street, praying that the Corporation would immediately proceed to the contemplated improvement of widening said Street [267] between the East River and Batavia Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition was received from John Brown, stating that he was about building on the North East corner of Chatham and James Streets and was desirous of building in a line corresponding with the South-west corner of said Streets. Which was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Stephen Doane for permission to have a private Stall for the sale of meat at his residence on the corner of Rutgers and Division Streets, and of Thomas Place for a similar permission at the corner of Norfolk and Division Streets—were read and leave given Petitioners to withdraw their petitions.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants for a Lamp in White Street was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of William S. Hunter & Co. to remove the Steps, now in the Street which leads to their Counting Room, to a door within

twelve feet of their present situation, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

An Application from George Cooper for per- [268] mission to construct a Vault in Beekman Street and also one in Barclay Street, and a similar request from H. M. Beare for one in Chamber Street—were granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Christian Heiser for permission to build a vault at the northwest corner of Hudson and Reader Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward to report.

A Petition from George Bowen for remission of a Fine under the Hackney Law was read and leave given to withdraw the Petition.

A Petition of Guilliam Cornell for appointment of Inspector of Wood: of Robert Wood for that of Inspector of Manure: of Isaac Loofborrow for an appointment: of Abel Smith for appointment of Inspector of Bread; and of Ezra Frost for appointment of City Inspector or Assistant Street Commissioner—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from E. Secor & Co. stating that a Complaint has been made a- [269] gainst them on the subject of an Awning erected by them in the Street, and praying the same may be enquired into, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Boltis Moore to be permitted to sink a Cistern in Catharine Street in front of his house, as his lot is not sufficiently extensive to admit of one—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of Adam Ten Brook for Stall No. 14 Greenwich Market was read and granted.

A Recommendation in favor of Joseph Townsend for License as a Butcher at Harlaem, was read, and ordered that he receive License therefor.

A Letter from John Kenrick dated Newton Massachusetts 4th May was received, stating that he had invented a plan by which Channels may be opened thro' Sand Bars which obstruct the navigation of Bays and Rivers: that it consists of a process of submarine ploughing and harrowing, the machinery to be drawn by a Steam-boat: that if the Corporation will offer the sum of One hundred thousand dollars he will undertake to cut a chan- [270] nel of ten rods wide and four fathom deep at Sandy Hook. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Henry White & James Morris for permission to sink

a pier in the direction of Beaver Lane in the centre of the Wharves on the North River owned by them, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of John R. Livingston that a Suit against him on the subject of filling in certain Lots may be discontinued, was referred to the City Inspector.

A Memorial of some considerable length was received from Edmund C. Genet, urging from various considerations that the personal Estates of Banking Companies and other chartered Money Institutions are liable to assessment under the law to raise money by Tax, and ought accordingly to be assessed and bear their proportion of the public burdens: that the taxes on individuals would be thereby greatly lessened by the sum which would be raised, as in the Returns of the Assessors the personal [271] estate of the Inhabitants of the City was rated at Twenty Million, Nine hundred and ninety nine thousand Dollars, and the Capital of the Chartered Money Institutions amounts to Twenty one million, nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition on the subject of permitting Foreigners to receive License as Cartmen to be employed in carting dirt only, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of the Special Justices to have the Room lately occupied by the United States' Loan Officer assigned to them, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, that the Law respecting carting Manure may be altered so as to authorize Cartmen to take it from places where it is made and put it on board of vessels at Slips adjacent, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William Vandenburgh for Stall. No. 5 in Centre Market: one of Thomas Harrison for Stall no. 5 in Grand St. Market; and one of John Simeson for Stall No. 5 [272] in Centre Market— were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Hills for extension of time for filling up lots at the foot of Barclay Street owned by Messrs. Anderson, Burger and Miller, as he has contracted to fill up the same and the time allowed by the Ordinance is not sufficiently extensive to perform the same, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Third Ward.

A Memorial from sundry owners of Lots in Greenwich Village, remonstrating against any alteration of the plan adopted for regulating the same, was read and referred to the Committee on that subject.

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A Petition from Richard L. Walker, Physician & Surgeon to the City Prison and Gaol, for an increase of his Salary, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Letter from Colonel Murray commanding the 14th Regiment of New York State Artillery, stating a former request presented by him that the Corporation would honor the Corps he commanded [273] with a Stand of Colours and begging a reply to the same, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication was received from the Street Commissioner representing that the Street in front of the Albany Basin required repaving, which was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well in Chrystie Street between Delancey and Rivington Streets and for one in Cannon Street between Grand & Broome Streets—which were passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors in the former, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower in the latter.

He also presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed—Namely, for a Well and Pump in Lewis Street: for regulating Willett and Sheriff Streets, of which Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector; and for regulating Washington Street from Christopher Street to Hammond Street, of which Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented Releases of Quit Rent to Martin Hoffman for Lots Nos. 118 and 139 Common Lands the Rent of which had been commuted for by him at the usual [274] rate: Whereupon the same Releases were directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

H. Post M. Noe	Own. Occ.	55 Hester St.	Privy
J. Robinson Jno. Forbes	Own. Occ.	151 Chambers St.	do
Dan. Philips Wm Dixon	Own. Occ.	66 Bancker St.	do
J. Amerman J. F. Slipper	Own. Occ.	154 William St.	do
Bunting & Shaffer	Own.	Canal c. Greene Sts.	Lot.
Caleb G. Haines,	Own. & Occ.	52 Orchard St.	Privy

Fred. Depeyster	Own	24 New St.	Privy
D. Hancock	Occ.		
Fred. Depeyster	Own.	22 New St	do
Mrs. M. Smith	Occ.		
Vestry St. Mark's	Own.	Harrison c. Washington	
M. Hoffman	Agt.		Lot.
N. Quackenboss	Own.		
Josh. Greenleaf	Agt.		
Geo. Sands—E. Benedict		21½ Nassau St	Privy
Mr. Montague, Wm Tait and Abm. Gordon	Occ.		

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

[275] The Counsel presented the following Report, which was directed to be referred to the Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips and the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward:

"The Counsel begs leave to inform the Board that the proceedings relative to the Slips have been postponed till Thursday next. If it is contemplated to have so much of the proceedings as relate to the Pier near Roosevelt discontinued, it will of course be necessary that he should be instructed relative to it prior to that time.

"Since the last meeting of the Board he has discovered that the property required for a Slip at the foot of Oliver Street is so imperfectly described in the precept, that it will be indispensibly necessary to discontinue the proceedings in that case altogether. This error arose from an erroneous impression which rested upon the mind of the gentleman who attended to the drawing the precept during the absence of the Counsel, as to the extent of the permanent line.

"The Counsel conceives it to be his duty farther to inform the Board that the Court intimated it as their opinion that it was not in the power of the Corporation to discontinue proceedings of this nature after they had been commenced. The Counsel however is of [276] opinion that the Recorder could not have meant to be understood that under no circumstances could the Corporation be allowed to discontinue, and that if they could be allowed in any case that they would be allowed in the case of the Oliver Street Slip, in which the proceedings must prove abortive, and also as to so much of the property embraced in the precept for taking the property for the Roosevelt Street Slip as relates to Minturn & Champlin's Pier, with regard to which the Corporation rested under a misapprehension as to their rights.

"The Counsel therefore respectfully recommends that he be instructed to move to discontinue the proceedings relative to the Oliver Street Slip, and also that measures be taken to instruct him what course to pursue as it relates to the Pier near Roosevelt Street."

Respectfully submitted.
(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 7."

Jesse Harvey, Dock builder, 64 Mulberry—6 ward. an additional Member.

[277] "Fire Engine Company, No. 37."

Jackson Coleman, Cartman, North c. Chrystie, 10 ward, vice Henry Sickels, Resigned.

Jac. Seaman, Cartman, Crosby n. Spring, 8 ward—vice Jacob Flick, Resigned.

The following Petitions, which had been referred to the Ferry Committee, were returned by the Chairman of the former Ferry Committee, Alderman Buckmaster, and were now referred to the present Committee: Namely

Petition of the York and Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company, remonstrating against other grants for ferries:

Petition of J. B. Coles for establishing a Ferry from Harsimus in Jersey to a place between Spring and Chamber Streets in the City: and

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in favor of Mr. Coles' petition.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of renewing the cartmen's Licenses, reported:

"That they have given the subject due consideration, and believing it is neither the wish or intention of the Board to raise a Revenue from this source, respectfully recommend—that there be demanded from each person whose license shall be renewed by the Mayor the sum of Fifty cents, which the Committee presumes will be fully adequate for [278] the payment of all expences attending said renewals."

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier.

which report was approved.

The Committee of Charity, on the petition of Benjamin Williamson, reported that the fine be remitted to him on payment of costs—which was agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the petition for laying the Curb Stone in Washington Street from Le Roy Street to Hammond Street, reported in favor of the same—which was approved.

The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward, to whom was presented (referred) the petition of B. U. Coles, reported: That they "have viewed the premises and particularly the propriety of having the contemplated Drain, and do concur with the Street Commissioner whose report they adopt as meeting their sentiments."

Respectfully submitted
(sign'd) P. Mesier.
Thos. Bolton.

[279] The Street Commissioner's Report was as follows:

"That the facts as stated in the within petition are correct—and would recommend that Mr. Coles be permitted to lay a drain from his house to the main Sewer in Broad Street, and also to construct a Brick Cistern under the walk on the usual terms, as his building covers the whole lot."

(sign'd) Jno. McComb.
St. Commissioner.

The Remonstrance presented this day was again read. Whereupon, it was Resolved that the Report of the Committee be agreed to, on condition that the Privilege is confined to the use in said Petition mentioned—namely the carrying off the water from his building.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Mill Street, reported:

"That the pavement ought to be relaid—and would respectfully recommend that the pavement in Mill Street be taken up from Broad Street to the upper end at the turn and repaved with a narrow foot walk on each side, the footwalk to be laid with flagging: also that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose."

[280] (signd) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" Jno. McComb.
St. Comr

which report was agreed to.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Bruff for an appropriation of One hundred dollars to perfect a Machine for the sweeping of Chimnies according to a Model submitted, reported:

"That they have examined the said Model and have had experiments made in a wooden flue with apposite inclinations of about 45 degrees, and that it has answered every purpose intended by the inventor. Whether it will answer equally as well in the flue of a chimney your Committee cannot determine as it frequently happens that an experiment on a small scale cannot be brought into successful operation when extended. Your Committee, however, impressed with the importance of the subject and believing it probably a useful invention recommend that the sum of seventy five dollars be granted, to be expended by the Committee in constructing a [281] Sweeping Machine according to the model and of making experiments on the same."

(sign'd) W. F. Van Amringe
" Jacob B. Taylor
" Stephen Allen.

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for the sum proposed.

On motion of Alderman Buckmaster, the Law lately passed amending the Law respecting Hackney Carriages was reconsidered: when on motion to repeal the Fourth Section of the same, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr. Stevens, after some prefatory observations on the propriety of making some farther regulations in relation to the Bridewell which had been suggested to him by his Honor the Mayor, presented a Law entitled "A Law to amend the Law for the regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell, which was read by paragraphs and passed.

Resolved—that hereafter in all cases where upon improvements being made by opening or enlarging Streets, Squares or Avenues it becomes necessary to remove dwelling houses or other buildings it shall be the duty of the Street [282] Commissioner to advertise in the public prints employed by the Corporation, at least ten days before such removal, the places from which and the time when such buildings are to be removed, in order that the occupants of the same may be informed thereof.

A Resolution directing the City Intendant to cause the stakes & poles in the Hudson River now within the City and County of New York to be removed on or before the First day of June next, was presented and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Recorder presented a Resolution directing the Committee appointed on the subject of causing an Index to be made of the Records of Deeds and Mortgages, to make a Report to the Board of the expence which will attend the same previous to incurring any expence or making any contract on the subject: which was agreed to.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution to allow to Henry Abell Clerk of the Commissioners a Salary of Eight hundred dollars per annum, which was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

[283] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 18th inst	$466.43	
Received for Common Lands	844.52	
" " Tax, 1817. 3d, 4th, 6, 7, 8, 10 wds	9151.90	
" " Tavern Licenses	1645.50	
" " Streets	1700.00	
" " Eighth Avenue	100.00	13,908.35

Accounts Audited.

Wm S. Smith, Collector City Revenue, 1 Qr's Salary—22d instant	200.00	
Thos. Franklin, Chief Engineer, 1 Qr's Salary, 18th inst.	200.00	
Rich. L. Walker, Physician City Prison & Gaol, 6 mo. 1 inst.	100.00	
Abm. Brevoort, Inspr of Bread, 1 Qr. 21 inst	95.00	
Geo. Mills, Asst. City Inspector, 1st to 20th inst. inclusive	34.00	
Benj. Hicks, Asst. City Inspector 1st to 20th inst. inclusive	34.00	
S. Jones & D. S. Jones, Counsel fee in ejectment suit, G. Peck	200.00	
Reub. Stevens, posting bills—1 qr. to 1 inst	11.00	
B. Skaats, Keeper City Hall, 1 qr. to 24 inst	100.00	
B. Skaats, for expences at Hall. refreshments &c. 1 qr. 24 inst.	259.14	
Luke Persiary, care Mud Machine 7½ mo. to 13 March, 1818	75.93	
Corns Ray, Award Bancker St	622.50	
[284] Heirs of Michael Gouverneur—Award for Bancker St.	439.00	
Jno. McCarthy, Award for Bancker Street	275.00	
Peter Parsells, regr Streets at Greenwich Village	400.00	
Chs. Mooney on account for paving Franklin Street	200.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt of Reprs. for Reprs	600.00	
W. Fish for Commrs Com. Schools—recd by Treasr & credd 26 May 1817	5532.06	
Richard Furman, Superintt of the Alms house	4000.00	=13,377.63
	Balance	$530.72

Adjourned to Wednesday (27th) 5 o'clock

[285] In Common Council May 27. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
Wm F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robt. McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Board met agreeably to Adjournment.

A Petition from John R. Murray in behalf of the Inhabitants on Hudson Square, stating that they had appointed a person to take charge of the grounds within the Enclosure, and praying that a Law might be passed giving him authority to protect the Trees, Shrubs and Grass of the same in like manner as is given with respect to the Park, Battery and Bowling Green. Whereupon it was referred to the Alderman of the 3d and Assistant of the 5th Ward.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants [286] at Harlaem Heights, for a Donation of One hundred and fifty dollars to enable them to complete a school house they have erected, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition was received from the York and Jersey Steam Boat Company, stating that their expences on said Establishment have been so great that they have not hitherto received any advantage therefrom, and praying that the Corporation will alter the Contract with them so as to permit them to use one Horse Boat on said Ferry in lieu of one of the Steam Boats directed by the Contract, as the erection and working of a Horse Boat will be a considerable saving to them being less expensive than a Steam Boat. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Ferry Committee to report.

The Comptroller presented a Release of Quit rent for Lot No. 72 Common Lands to Thomas Addis Emmett, the same having been commuted for on the usual terms—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition [287] of Baltis Moore, reported: That he

"Having examined the subject would respectfully recommend that the request of the petitioner be granted, as the Cistern is already made and there is not room on the Lot for the whole of it to stand on;

about ⅔ of the diameter with the mouth will be within his enclosure, and about one third or 2 feet 6 inches will be under the Side Walk, and within the line of the Stoops."

(sign'd) John M^cComb.
St. Commissioner.

which Report was approved.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of W. S. Hunter & Co. reported: that he

"having examined the situation of the above described Stoop would recommend the request be granted."

(sign'd) Jno. M^cComb.
St. Commissioner.

which Report was approved.

The Counsel reported that he had prepared the draught of an Answer to the Bill in Chancery against the Corporation filed by Richard Varick Esqr. and he recommended that a Committee be appointed to peruse the same with him and to cause the Common Seal to be affixed thereto—which was approved, and [288] a Committee appointed as proposed of Aldermen King Thorp Munson

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for paving Elizabeth Street from Hester to Broome Street, reported:

"That in their opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. M^cComb
St. Com^r

which Report was approved.

The City Inspector on the petition relative to a Lot corner of State and Marketfield Streets, reported:

"That the correction of the said Nuisance was directed, in the usual manner, to Mrs. Dale (formerly Mrs. Fulton) the owner, and, altho' the term given by the Ordinance enjoining its correction has elapsed, yet the Nuisance remains in the same offensive condition.

"The City Inspector is of opinion, that Mrs. Dale cannot be sued to recover the penalty for non-compliance with the ordinance served [289] on her, in consequence of her marriage: he would therefore respectfully recommend that directions be issued that the aforesaid nuisance be corrected at the public expence and a Lien held on the Lot for the same.

"He would farther observe that as he has doubts on the subject of enclosing the Lot after its correction, so far only as the Corporation may recover from the owner for the expence of so doing, he would suggest the propriety of having the Counsel's opinion on this part of the subject, in order the public may not risk the suffering, by any act rendered necessary for the health of the City, occasioned by the Owners of property not complying with the necessary Ordinances of the Board."

(sign'd) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which was read.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips, with the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward, on the Resolutions respecting the Slips at the foot of Roosevelt and Oliver Streets, reported:

"That they have given the subject all the attention and consideration which its importance and the limited time allowed them would [290] permit; and have finally concluded to recommend to the Board the adoption of the following Resolutions.

"1. Resolved—that the Counsel be directed to continue the proceedings in the case of the Slip at the foot of Oliver Street, provided the objection to any irregularity which may have taken place in said proceedings shall be waived by the parties concerned: otherwise, that he immediately commence anew the legal process for putting the Corporation in possession of the Water, Bulkhead and Pier lying between the most westwardly line of Oliver Street and extending east to Catharine Slip.

"2. Resolved—that the Counsel be farther directed to request the Court to discontinue all proceedings on that part of the property lying within a line commencing at the westerly side of the ground designated as belonging to John Clark, and extending to Roosevelt Street, and that he continue the process so far as it respects that part intended to be taken as a public Slip, commencing at the westerly line of John Clark's property aforesaid & extending east to James' Slip."

(sign'd) A. L. Underhill
" Steph. Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Jno. P. Anthony
" Robert McQueen

[291] On motion, it was agreed to consider the Resolutions proposed by the Committee separately. Upon the question of agreeing to

the first Resolution, and a Division having been called, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

12. Affirmative. Aldermen King Underhill Van Amringe Mc-Queen Buckmaster Taylor Munson Messrs Bolton Anthony Akerly Board Allen

5. Negative. Alderman Mesier Thorp Messrs Stevens Westervelt Parker.

The consideration of the Second Resolution was then taken up, and after some discussion Alderman King moved that the whole of the Resolution after the word "Resolve" be stricken out, in order to introduce an amendatory Resolution which he read. The question being taken thereon, & a Division being called it passed in the Negative:

10. Negative.	7. Affirmative.
Ald. Underhill, Buckmaster.	Ald. Mesier, King
" Taylor, Thorp, Munson	" Vn Amringe, McQueen,
Ass. Bolton, Stevens	Mess. Anthony, Parker
" Westervelt, Board, Allen.	" Akerly

[292] The question was then taken on the Resolution and agreed to. The question being then taken on adopting and agreeing to the Report of the Committee, and a Division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative, all the members voting in the Affirmative except Alderman Mesier and Mr. Stevens who voted in the negative.

A Resolution was presented, directing the Comptroller to report a Warrant for the Chairman of the Alms House Committee for Seven hundred dollars—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Mesier presented a Resolution, directing the City Inspector to cause the Lot at the corner of State and Marketfield Streets to be filled up and the Superintendant of Repairs to enclose it in fence: which was referred to the Counsel, and if in his opinion the expences would remain a lien on the Lot to direct the City Inspector and Superintendant of Repairs to carry the Resolution into effect.

Resolved—that the Street Committee be requested to enquire and report [293] if the Contract with the Messrs. Hitchcocks respecting the Streets has been complied with and also if any and what amendments can be made in the regulations on that subject.

Resolved—that Alderman Morss be on the Committee respecting the prevention of pauperism in place of Alderman Holmes no longer a Member of the Board.

Resolved—that the Counsel be authorised to employ and associate with himself other Counsel in the case of the valuation of ground taken

for the Slips at the foot of Roosevelt Street and Oliver Street now before the Mayor's Court.

On motion of Alderman King, resolved—that the Comptroller be directed to enquire and report if any and what persons hold possession of Water Lots upon which grants have not been taken out and where a Quit rent is not reserved.

Adjourned to meet on Monday next at 4 o'clock.

[294] In Common Council June 1. 1818.

Present. The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants, that the old Post Road leading to Boston extending from 125th Street to Harlaem Bridge may be closed up, and a Remonstrance from a number of the Inhabitants of Harlaem against that measure, were read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition from Joseph Tremaine for appointment of Weigh master: one of Benjamin Disbrou for appointment as measurer of grain; and one of Abel [295] Smith for appointment as Measurer of Grain, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Noah Brown and Daniel D. Tompkins, Lessees of Pier No. 1 or West Pier, was received, stating that they are Lessees of a part of said Pier for the term of Ten years from the 1st of April 1817 and for the residue of said Pier for one year which expired on May last: that from the Covenants enjoined on the part of the lessees respecting certain expenditures by them, and which they have performed, they presume the intention of the Corporation was, and the construction of the grant would be, that the Lessees were to have possession of the same under the control of the Corporation in case of and until the premises should be wanted for public purposes: they therefore

pray that a Lease may be given to them for the residue of said Pier to continue during their term in the other part of said pier and until the said pier should be wanted for public purposes, of which Two months notice should be given to the Lessees. The same having been read was referred to the Ferry Committee to report thereon.

A Memorial from the Committee on behalf [296] of the licensed cartmen, urging that the decision of the Mayor not to grant new Licenses to any but citizens should be extended to the renewal of licenses, was read and referred, together with the letter of the Mayor to the Committee on that subject, to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Representation of John Slidell and William Harrison, stating the injury they received a few days since from the overturning of their carriage in the Streets by some Hogs, and praying the Law may be reenacted to prevent those animals from running at large in the Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws, who immediately reported a Law entitled "A Law respecting Swine," which was read and the consideration postponed till the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that the Drain or Sewer in Roosevelt Street may be repaired and cleansed, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of certain Inhabitants [297] and Tenants of Houses in Roosevelt Street, praying that the contemplated improvement of widening Roosevelt Street may be delayed until May next, as it will put many of them to great inconvenience to be obliged to remove immediately, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the Seventh and Tenth Wards, that John Winship may be permitted to sell small meats at his stall on Sunday morning, as they do not receive their weekly wages until late on Saturday night and it is exceedingly inconvenient to procure necessaries for their families at so late an hour, was read and it was resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of John Jermain, for permission to take on board a vessel from Pike Slip 500 loads of Manure purchased by him, was read and leave given to him to withdraw the Petition.

A Petition of Francis O'Neale for Stall No. 7 in Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Isaiah Smith and Gilbert Sniffen, for remission of a fine in- [298] curred by incumbering the Street with their Carts, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward.

A complaint from sundry Inhabitants against the situation of the

Gutter in Pearl Street at the head of Collect Street, was read and referred to the Street and Canal Committees.

A Petition of Mary Greene for permission to construct a Vault in the Street opposite No. 17 Orange Street was read and granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A similar petition in behalf of Hallsted Haight for vaults at Nos. 76 and 78 Hudson Street was granted on like terms.

An Account of Andrew Van Norden, as Keeper of the Battery, for one month for Forty nine dollars ninety four cents was presented, and a Warrant ordered to be reported therefor at the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments [299] for opening and extending Bancker Street. Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of E. Secor & Co. reported:

"That in his opinion Mr. Secor's Awning is not exceptionable in itself: but, with respect to the neighbouring Store-keepers, it is. It is complained of as being contrary to the general regulation for Awnings, and as giving Mr. Secor a decided advantage over others in that trade by being able to make a greater display of his goods than others can do, for want of an awning over their second stories; and which they cannot have except where they have trees in front of a sufficient height. The Street Commissioner is therefore of opinion that it would be improper to grant the request."

(sign'd) John McComb
St. Commissioner.

which Report was approved.

He also reported an Ordinance for repaving Mill Street, and an Ordinance for laying the Curb Stone in Washington Street from LeRoy Street to Hammond Street; which were passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors in the [300] former, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] in the latter.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies):

"Fire Engine Company, No. 5."

Jas. H. McKenzer, hatter. 444 Pearl St. 3d ward, vice David Keys, Resigned.

Sam. Winterton, hatter, 39 Maiden Lane, 2 ward—vice John Haines, Resigned.

Church Miller, grocer, Batavia Lane c. James, 4 w^d^ vice Geo. Vanderbilt, Resigned.

Rob. Thompson Jr. Account^t^ 104 Fulton, 2 ward, vice Steph. Stilwell, Resigned.

Hen. Costar, hatter, 273 Broadway, 3 ward, vice Francis Richards, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 12."

Jas. R. Mount, Account^t^ 51 Ferry, 4 ward, vice Elij. Tompkins, Resigned.

Jno. R. Johnson, Currier, 69 Cliff, 2 ward, vice Jas. M. Hoyt, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 28."

Zeb^n^ Brundage, grocer, 19 Bowery, 10 ward—vice Thos. Blair, Resigned.

Thos. Kerby, grocer, Pike c. Henry, 7 ward—vice Abm. Vanderbeck, resigned.

[301] The Chief Engineer Reported:—

"That Houses are immediately wanted for Engines Nos. 7 and 12, and as a Lot of ground has been purchased in Rose Street for that purpose, he therefore respectfully suggests that the subject be referred to the Committee of the Fire Department and the Superintendant of Repairs (with powers) to carry the same into effect. He again reports, that the Floating Engine House at the foot of Roosevelt Street is in very bad order, that the Boat generally grounds at low water, and that it's of importance that immediate attention should be given to it." Which is respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Thomas Franklin
Chief Engineer.

which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to report.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

Van Orden & Miller, F. C. Jacot	Own. Occ.	11 Dutch St.	Privy
Jno. Van Nostrand, E. Barkley	Own. Occ.	Spring c. Mott	"
Thos. Smyth	Own. & Occ.		"

Chs. Graham	Own.	303	Greenwich St	Privy
Dr. See	Occ.			
Charles Graham	Own.	305	"	"
John Burns	Occ.			
[302] J. Lounsbury				
Dav. L. Height	Own.		Essex c. Stanton.	Lot
Wm Agnew	Own.	242	Water St.	"
Jno. Hurley	Own.		Forsyth c. Stanton	"
Walter Bowne	Own.	193	Duane St.	"
Geo. Janeway	do		Cross c. Pearl	"
Jno. R. Livingston,	do		Cannon St	"
do	do		Lewis St.	"

George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The City Inspector, on the Petition of John R. Livingston, reported:—

"Mr. Livingston was ordinanced to fill in his Lots (East of Columbia Street) in June 1817: the Ordinance expired in August last, but upon petitioning the Board the period was extended two months longer: after the termination of the last-mentioned time, the City Inspector, finding the ordinance not then complied with, sent it to the Attorney for prosecution.

"On the 12th of January last Mr. Livingston petitioned the Board, praying a discontinuance of the Suit brought against him by the Attorney, which petition was referred to the Street Committee and City Inspector; who, after due examination, reported unfavorably on [303] said petition, and which the Board accepted. A second petition on the same subject, on the 26th of the same month, was presented and had a similar reference—but no report was made thereon, in consequence of the Street Committee conceiving that as no alteration, in their judgment, had taken place and that the Board had already accepted their report, it therefore, for the reasons stated, became unnecessary.

"The City Inspector farther states that last week he viewed all the Lots of Mr. Livingston, between Stanton Street on the North and Rivington Street on the South that lie east of Columbia Street. Those lots between Columbia on the west and Cannon on the East have been completed, and those farther Eastward partially complied with. From the various complaints made of water passing into the cellars in Stanton Street near the East River where the largest reservoir of water

remains, ordinances have been again presented against Mr. Livingston to occasion an acceleration of his Contracts for filling in his Lots and thereby correcting those nuisances so often complained of."

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which was approved, and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[304] The Counsel, on the subject of extinguishing the claim of Robert R. Hunter to ground at Albany Basin, reported:

"That in pursuance of instructions from the Finance Committee, to whom the subject was referred, he has treated with Mr. Hunter for his title to a part of the Albany Basin:

"That Mr. Hunter has agreed to accept an assignment of two of the Lots and to give to the Corporation a Mortgage upon them for Four thousand dollars, and thereupon to release all his right and title.

"This will extinguish all private title to the Basin excepting as to the Street on the South side, about which some doubt may exist. This arrangement met with the approbation of the late Committee on Finance, and if it meets with the approbation of the Board he recommends that he be ordered to carry it into effect."

Respectfully submitted.
(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.
Counsel.

Which was approved, and he was directed to conclude and perfect the agreement agreeably to his proposal.

[305] The Counsel of the Board, on the subject of a Lease to W^m^ A. Hardenbrook, reported:

"That the late Chairman of the Committee of Finance has informed him that one of the terms, upon which the property was leased to William A. Hardenbrook, was that he should be permitted to cut off the timber. As the Lease, as reported to the Board and executed, does not authorise the cutting of the timber, the Counsel respectfully recommends that he be authorised to alter it in conformity to the terms upon which Mr. Hardenbrook took it."

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards
Counsel.

which was approved, and he was directed to alter the report agreeably thereto.

He also, on the subject of Beekman M. Van Beuren's Mortgage, reported:

"That two lots of ground in the Eigth Ward which were assigned to the Corporation by Beekman M. Van Beuren have been sold in pursuance of a Decree of the Chancellor; and that the purchasers are willing to relinquish their bids to the Corporation. The Lots were sold for much less than their real value, and it would be for the interest of the Corporation to accept of the proposition. There were other lots included in the same mortgage, and the Corporation will be enti- [306] tled to the surplus of the proceeds, after satisfying the mortgage: but it is necessary that the whole amount of the purchase-money should be first paid into Court. The whole amount which is necessary to satisfy the mortgage over and above the proceeds of the lots' rent mortgaged to the Corporation is Five hundred and ten dollars. Of this Mr. Van Beuren has paid the Counsel Two hundred dollars and promises shortly to pay the balance. The amount over and above this sum which it will be necessary to pay into Court will be Six hundred and thirty five dollars, Four hundred and twenty five of which the Chancellor will order to be repaid to the Corporation, and it will be necessary for them to look to Mr. Van Beuren for the balance.

The Counsel therefore recommends that a Warrant issue for Six hundred and thirty five dollars. As the Court of Chancery will sit in a few days, it will be necessary for the Board to act upon this subject this day."

Respectfully submitted.
(signed) Ogden Edwards.
Counsel.

which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported therefor.

[307] The Counsel of the Board. on the subject of the proposed Slips at the foot of Roosevelt and Oliver Streets, reported:

"That the amount awarded the proprietors of the premises required for a Slip between Catharine Slip and Oliver Street is Four thousand One hundred and Thirty nine dollars fifty cents. The Counsel for the Owners of that property has informed the Counsel of the Board that they are dissatisfied with the verdict and that unless the Corporation will allow Mr. Coster and Mrs. Courtney each Twelve hundred and fifty four dollars fifty cents and an additional sum to the Heirs of John Murray, that he will endeavour to have the verdict set aside. The grounds however upon which he predicates his objections to the verdict are not such as in the opinion of the Counsel are tenable.

"In the case of the lower Slip between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street, the Counsel moved for leave to discontinue so much of the

proceedings as related to the premises south of John Clark's property which the Court refused to grant him. He then entered a nolle prosequi as to the whole, notwithstanding which the Court proceeded, and the Jury awarded about Twenty thousand Seven hundred and fifty dollars exclusive of what they conceived ought to be [308] [308] allowed to Walter Franklin for his property which was Seven hundred and fifty dollars. The Counsel for Mr. Franklin had obtained leave to discontinue as to so much as related to his property. It is the opinion of the Counsel of the Board, and of those who were associated with him, as well as of several eminent Counsel who have given their opinion upon the subject, that this verdict is not binding upon the Corporation, and that upon application being made to the Supreme Court they will issue a Mandamus requiring the Mayor's Court to enter judgment upon the nolle prosequi.

Respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Ogden Edwards.

which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller, on the subject of Water Lots possessed by persons who have not taken out Grants therefor, reported, (agreeably to order):

"That on the 11th April 1803, the Street Commissioner and Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Franklin requesting permission to extend his wharf near New Slip farther into the East River, reported 'that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, [309] upon condition of his extending the wharf not exceeding 210 feet from the South side of Front Street and making bridges and piers alternately in the same manner that the piers and bridges are ordered to be made extending from South Street.'

"The report was confirmed, and the prayer of Samuel Franklin granted agreeably thereto. No grant has been since taken out for the property above mentioned

"On the 9th June 1806, the Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Dr. Mitchell relative to sinking a Pier in Front Street, having reported in favor of the same, it was ordered that Dr. Mitchell have liberty to erect a Small pier adjoining to that of Mr. Agnew in Front Street to the west of Roosevelt Street in the 4th ward, in such manner as to enable him to receive the wharfage of the same.

"The Finance Committee made a report to the Board on the 3d November 1817 (which was approved,) that on the application of

Samuel L. Mitchell, Minturn & Champlin and John Agnew, grants should be issued to them at the old rate (viz. One dollar per foot.) but the Rent to commence on the 1st May 1805, about which time the property was first improved, [310] together with legal interest. Those Lots are between Dover Street and Roosevelt Street, and the Counsel of the Board was requested to prepare grants accordingly.

"The Finance Committee, on the application of Silvanus Miller for a Water grant in front of his property near Roosevelt Street, reported that a grant should be made out by the Counsel, on certain conditions, and with a provision that the grant be taken out previous to the 1st March 1818—This Report was laid on the table Dec. 22. 1817, and has not since been acted on.

"Grants were ordered by the Board several months since in favor of Samuel M. Thompson, Richard J. Tucker, Thomas S. Clarkson and the Representatives of J. Le Roy deceased for water lots on the North River near the State Prison; but the Counsel has not had time to prepare them. Also one to the Heirs of John Post deceased for a Lot near Walnut Street on the East River, but the Applicant for this grant has since declined taking it, on account of not being permitted to extend further into the River than Front Street.

"It is understood that Nathan Sanford Esqr. possesses property [311] bounded by the North River near the State Prison for which a grant should issue. He inquired some time since as to the rates of Quit Rent, and was requested to furnish a Map of the premises, previous to an Application, agreeably to an order of the Common Council August 14. 1809, by which 'all communications for grants must be accompanied with a Map or Survey of the property applied for, certified by a Sworn Surveyor, and after a report thereon by the Comptroller recommending the issuing a Grant, the applicant shall execute the same within four weeks from such report, or forfeit his claim to the said grant.'

"Henry Simmons applied for a grant for a Lot at Corlaer's Hook, but for want of a Map the grant could not be made.

"Some property at Brooklyn is similarly situated, and the Applicants have promised to obtain Surveys and Maps in order to apply for grants.

"An order passed the Board last Summer, directing all persons subject to Quit-rents on Water lots, who had not already obtained grants, to get the same previous to the 1st November last.

"Whenever it is ascertained that Water-lots have been improved or occupied previous to taking out a Grant, the Arrearages of rent

are always charged. It may possibly be the case, from the constant routine of public [312] business necessarily engaging the time and attention of the subscriber, that some persons may be in the use of water rights who have neglected to obtain a title thereto: when instances of this kind are known, the regular steps will be taken to enforce a compliance with the orders of the Common Council.

Respectfully submitted
(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

Whereupon he was directed to advertise in the public prints employed by this Board, and inform all persons who hold or are in possession of Water lots for which grants have not been taken out from this Corporation, that unless application is made to this Board for the same on or before the first day of September next the Counsel of the Board will be instructed to commence actions of ejectment against the occupants or holders for recovery of the same.

The Committee of Applications, to whom was referred the Petition of Peter R. Pearsall, reported:

"That the said petitioner is desirous of receiving the Appointment of Weigher in and for the City and County of New York. The [313] Committee believe that he is a fit and competent person to receive said appointment."

(sign'd) David Board
" Effingham Schieffelin

which was approved, and he was appointed accordingly.

The same Committee, on the petition of John T. Lacy for appointment as Inspector of Lumber, reported in his favor, and he was appointed accordingly.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company for a Guarantee to run their conduit thro' the Park to Chatham Street, reported:

"That, in the view taken of the subject by the Committee, they cannot perceive that a grant of the privilege asked for will be of any importance to the Company, inasmuch as they now possess the right to run their conduit thro' any of our Streets and may, by a few additional feet of pipe, carry the water to Chatham Street thro' Tryon Row. The Committee cannot consent therefore that the gravel walks and ornaments of the Park, on which so much taste has been displayed and public money expended should be broken up, when in their opinion neither the public or [314] the Manhattan Company are to be

materially benefitted: and it is accordingly recommended that the request contained in said Petition be refused.

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe.
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

which report was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Colonel James B. Murray for a Stand of Colours, reported:

"That they have duly considered the subject of said petition, and entertain no doubt of the respectability and patriotism of the Corps under the command of Colonel Murray. The Committee think, however that the situation in which the 14th Regiment have placed themselves, by selecting a specific duty, cancels the claim (if any claim can be admitted) which they otherwise may have had on the Corporation, growing out of the circumstance that Colours have been presented to other regiments: at a time however, as the Committee believe, when our country was involved in a war of much magnitude and interest.

"The 14th Regiment have [315] designated themselves by the name of the "Governor's Guard," and the Committee believe have particularly attached themselves to the person of the Commander in Chief, as his Body guard during his stay in this City. This may be very laudable in the Regiment, and the Committee wish to be distinctly understood as by no means condemning the course they have marked out or adopted; but they contend that, inasmuch as, at the first organization of the Regiment, they adopted the appellation of "Governor's Guard," and thereupon were complimented by his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins with their first Stand of Colours, it appears but just, now that new Colours are wanted, that application should be made in the first instance to his Excellency the present Governor, who otherwise may consider himself indecorously treated by the Corps, and the Corporation also may be charged with arrogating to themselves what of right belongs to the Commander in Chief of the Sate. The Committee therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

Respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
Finance Committee

Which Report was approved.

[316] The Finance Committee, on the Resolution directing a Warrant for Seven hundred dollars to issue in favor of the Chairman of the Alms House Committee, reported:

"That the said money is required for the purpose of paying the Overseers of the Convicts while working on the Avenues, together with other necessary expences attending the same: they therefore recommend that the said Warrant be granted."

Respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a warrant agreeably thereto.

The Road Committee and Street Commissioner, on the Petition for working part of the Ninth Avenue, reported:

"That they have had the same under their view, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, as it would be of very great convenience to that neighbourhood and the expence of working it not great: They beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for working a part of the Ninth Avenue from Twelfth to Twenty- [317] eighth Street, and that he be instructed to include Twenty-eighth Street from the Ninth Avenue to the North River; the whole to be done under the direction of the Road Committee and the Street Commissioner."

(sign'd) Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Effingham Schieffelin
" David Board
" Jno. McComb, St. Comr

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to advertise accordingly.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for a Repeal of the Law respecting Manure, reported:

"That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of an opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted."

(sign'd) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. McComb, St. Comr

which report was approved.

The Chairman of the Street Committee, to whom was referred the Petition for paving Broad Way, presented a Report, which not having been signed by a Majority of the Committee was referred back to the same Committee.

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred the petition of Doctor Richard [318] L. Walker, reported:

"That they have had under their consideration the annexed application of Richard Walker, on the subject of his Salary. As his duty has been increased by his attending the patients at the Old Alms house, your Committee recommend that his pay be increased Fifty dollars, so that hereafter his Salary will be Two hundred and fifty dollars, instead of Two hundred as it now is."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which report was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the resolution relative to the Salary of Henry Abell, reported:

"That they have had under consideration the annexed Resolution respecting the Salary of Mr. Henry Able. Mr. Able performs highly important duties and renders valuable services to the Corporation, both in the character of Clerk to the Commissioners of the Alms House and as Purveyor to the Alms House Establishment, and under these circumstances your Committee think his present salary, which is Six hundred dollars, should be increased, and therefore recommend that Mr. Able be allowed a Salary of Eight [319] hundred dollars per annum, to commence on the 1st of May 1818."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which report was agreed to.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of the Police Magistrates for another Room, reported:

"That they have had the annexed communication of the Police Magistrates under their consideration—and in the opinion of your Committee there is no additional Room which can be furnished to this Department."

Respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly

which report was agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition relative to licensing Aliens as Cartmen, reported:

"That this subject should be left exclusively with his Honor the Mayor, and they therefore recommend that the Board take no order on the subject."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which report was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Resolution, respecting a Room for Chief Justice Thompson, reported:—"That [320] there is no Room in the Hall unoccupied, which is suitable for the Chief Justice:—Your Committee nevertheless think that an Office should be provided for him, and in examining the offices they understand that the Clerk of the District Court occupies a room not given to him permanently. It is possible that the Clerk of this Court might occupy the room used by the District Court, as this Court is not often or long in Session, but if this could not be the case, the office of the Clerk is considered sufficiently lucrative to allow for the hire of an Office.

"Your Committee with a view to obtain the direction of the Board beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Clerk of the United States' District Court be informed that the Office in the Hall which he now occupies is required for other public purposes, and that he remove therefrom by the middle of June instant—And that the Clerk of this Board furnish him with a copy of the above Resolution."

All which is respectfully submitted

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen
Com. Pub. Off.

which Report was approved.

[321] Alderman Mesier presented the following:

"Resolved—that the practice of crouding that part of Pearl Street between Pine Street and Sloat Lane as a Stand for Carts and Barrows, to the great inconvenience of passing and business in that part of the City be referred to the Street Committee for the purpose of having the same corrected." which was agreed to.

Mr. Stevens presented the following—which was agreed to:—

"Resolved—that the communication of the Counsel of the Board on the subject of the Slips be referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips and the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th ward, and

that they be authorised to treat for the Slip near Minturn & Champlin's Wharf, for so much thereof as the Board have agreed to take and report."

Alderman Munson presented the following:

"Resolved—that the Committee which had the subject of taking up paupers the last year be reappointed, together with the Commissioners of the Alms-house, to attend to all the duties the same as they did the last year." which was agreed to—and a Committee appointed of Ald. Munson Messrs. Stevens Akerly Schieffelin Allen.

[322] Alderman Mesier presented the following amendment to the Rules of the Board respecting Committees, which was approved, and the Clerk directed to incorporate the same in the rules and orders which are ordered to be published: Towit

"Committees appointed to report on any subject referred to them by the Board shall report a state of facts and also their opinion thereon in writing: and that no report hereafter shall be received, unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committee."

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 25th May	$530.72	
Recd for Excise	7674.50	
" " Rents	5611.38	
" " Streets	2550.00	
" " Tax 1817. 1 & 2 wards	975.14	
" " Lamps	70.56	=17,412.30

Accounts Audited.

Watch. Anderson & Walton, 1 district	1118.25	
" Clark & Hibberd 2 do	682.50	
" Bleakley & Brower 3 do	413.00	
Geo. Cuming, City Inspr 1 qr. 28 May	312.50	
W. J. Waldron, Asst do 1 mo. 1 ins	52.00	
Obh Ayres do do " "	52.00	
Sam. Hutchings. Stt Inspr " "	52.00	
Jonn Weeden do " "	52.00	
Astin & Cochran, Messengers " "	60.00	
[323] Dan. H. Magee, Keepr Potter's Fd 1 mo. 1 ins	46.50	
W. F. Van Amringe, Chmn. Committee on experiment sweepg chimnies	75.00	
Attendance on Justice's Court.		
Jno. Richardson, 1 qr. to 1 inst	58.50	
Jas. Warner, Specl Justce do to 26 May	187.50	
Jas. Hopson do " "	187.50	
Chs. Christian do 1 mo "	62.50	
B. Oblenis, Clk. Pol. Off. 1 qr "	250.00	
R. Stephens, Ast do " "	200.00	

Jac. Hays, Officers extra service 1 qr. to 26 May.....	323.87	
Abm Stagg—bal. pavg Orange St. from Chatham to Bayard St.	529.22	
Abm. Stagg—pavg Mulberry St.....	370.33	
Chs. Mooney, pav. Franklin Street from Elm to Orange St.	100.00	
Jno. Sloan, 1st Instalment for a Well in Wooster St.....	65.87	
Jno. Gallagher, 1 Instalment for a Well in Dominick St....	47.25	
Thos. Barnum, Suptdg Piers, 30 days to 31 May.....	60.00	
W. Fish, Treasr to pay 23 divid^{d} City Stock, due 1 May 1818	12000.00	=17,358.29
Balance		$54. 1

Adjourned to Monday next, 4 o'clock.

[324] In Common Council June 8. 1818.

Present The Honble. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Communication was received from the Honorable William P. Van Ness, Judge of the United States' District Court, stating that the Resolution of the Common Council at their last meeting directing the removal of the Clerk of the United States' District Court from the Room occupied by him as a public office in the Hall would be attended with extreme difficulty and embarrassment, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition from John H. and W. C. Bol- [325] ton for permission to remove a Frame House from Park Place to the lower end of Vestry and Washington Streets, for which purpose they will employ Trucks, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 3^{d} and 5th Wards and the Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the prayer of petitioners.

A Petition from William Niblo, stating that a prosecution has been commenced against him for contravening the Law for the prevention of Fires, and praying a Committee to enquire and report as to the

State of the Building complained of, was read and referred to the Attorney, to report.

A Petition from Robert Ferguson, stating that a complaint had been made against him for employing Carts not licensed; that Petitioner is under a Contract with the Corporation for filling in and regulating certain Streets; that he has employed Carts in that business and no other, and praying the Suit may be discontinued, was read and referred to the Attorney to report the facts of the case.

A Petition of Claudius G. Fontaine, for permission to sell goods at auction before his door in the Street, as allowed by a Resolution of the Common Council in May 1817 but which expired on the 1st of May [326] last, was read and referred to the Street Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward.

A Communication was received from Monsieur Monneron, proposing to establish at the City Hall Two Solar Dials connected with Clocks, one of which shall give the mean or apparent time of the day and the other the true time; which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Representation from Dominick Lynch Jr. in behalf of himself and the neighbourhood of the Battery, complaining of the great inconvenience experienced by them from the practice of shaking and dusting Carpets in the Street in front of their dwelling houses, and proposing that the Northwest corner of the Battery should be assigned for that purpose, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A Request of Colonel Charles Graham, in behalf of himself and other Officers of the Infantry Militia, that the Common Council would set apart a Lot near the Collect, in which the Officers might assemble for military improvement, was read and referred [327] to the same Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Mill Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of Dennis McCarthy, for permission to sink a cistern in the Street at the corner of Chatham and Duane Streets, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of sundry Fishermen attending the Fly Market, complaining of an undue preference given in the Stands of said Market to the sellers of Shell-fish &c. was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of George Schaffer, for Stall No. 19 in Catharine Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William Somerindyck, for permission to put some manure which he had purchased on board of a Boat at the foot of Charlton Street, and a request that a Suit against him for depositing Manure South of the prescribed line might be discontinued, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistants of the Eighth Ward to report.

[328] A Petition of Henry S. Brooks, stating that he had built a small shed over his Store door at the corner of Cherry and Catharine Streets, which projects about three feet from the house into the street, and which he is now informed is contrary to law, and praying the subject may be referred to a Committee to direct whether it may remain or must be removed, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward to report.

A Recommendation in behalf of Owen Trainer, to be appointed an Inspector of Bread, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from Walter Bowne, to be relieved from the payment of the Interest on an Assessment for improvement of Pearl and Cherry Streets, as he was prevented by absence from town on attendance at the legislature from attending to the subject, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the following Assessments: Namely—For opening First Street; for opening and [329] enlarging Lombardy Street; For regulating Little Water Street; For regulating Lewis Street; For regulating and paving Hudson St; For repaving State Street; For repaving Oliver and part of Bancker and Water Streets: Whereupon, Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collection of the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Dominick Street between Varick and Hudson Streets, and for a Well and Pump in Wooster Street near Bleecker Street: which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in the former, and Noah Jarvis in the latter case.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:—)

16.

Chester Clark, Mercht. 3 Liberty St. 2 ward	v. P. S. Mulenberg,	Resigned.
Wm L. Degraw, Account. 24 Liberty St. 1 ward	v. Geo. Decous	do
Jno. Harper, Printer—131 Fulton St. 2 ward	v. Wm H. Wells	do

32.

Jas. Allen, ...	v. Nich. Steele	Resigned.

F. W. 8

Philo Lewis, Repacker—10. Vandam St. 8 ward.....	v. Jas. Angevine	do

[330] The Comptroller, on the account of B. Skaats, reported:—

"That he has examined the account of B. Skaats, with the vouchers, for fuel purchased, and finds a balance due the Corporation this day of Twenty nine dollars and thirty five cents, which will be carried to a new account."

(sign'd) G. N. Bleecker,
Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller presented a statement of the account of Alpheus Sherman, Attorney of the Corporation from 1st November 1817 to 1st May 1818, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

Miss C. Duane Alfred S. Pell	Own. Agt.	Mott St	Lot.
Abijah Arden Ann Spencer	Own. Occ.	3 White St	do
Abijah Arden E. Byrnes	Own. Occ.	5 do	do
Josh Tompkins,	Les. & Occ.	Alden St	do
Enoch Hoyt H. Davey	Own. Occ.	Broome St	Privy.
Jno. McManus,	Les. & Occ.	Chrystie St	do
[331] P. Schermerhorn Thos. Williams Jr	Own. Occ.	10 Fulton St.	do

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Counsel presented a Quit claim Deed to Robert R. Hunter, for Two Lots of ground at the Albany Basin, prepared in pursuance of an Agreement made with him by the Finance Committee, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of the Messrs. Swartwouts, reported:

"That on the 13th day of April 1811 a Lease of the said Ferry

was granted by this Corporation to Mr. John Stevens for fourteen years and three months from the 1st day of February preceding, at the rent of Three hundred and fifty dollars for the first year, with an annual increase of Seventeen dollars and fifty cents for each succeeding year of the said term:—

"That Mr. Stevens in some manner unknown to your Committee assigned his interest therein to the Messrs. Swartwouts, who have since sold the Establishment to Mr. Philip Hone, and that there is now due to the Corporation the sum of Five hundred and fifty three dollars Thirteen cents, for arrears of Rent: that [332] in the lease so granted to the said John Stevens there is contained a Covenant on the part of this Corporation that they shall at their own expence provide and keep in repair such accommodations as may be deemed necessary for the lying of the Boats employed in that Ferry on the New-York side, during the said term.

"Your Committee, from their personal knowledge of Mr. Hone, are satisfied that the public will sustain no injury by placing this ferry under his direction, but they consider the Covenant above mentioned as unreasonable and not warranted by the small amount of rent reserved. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the lease to Mr. Stevens ought to be surrendered, and, upon payment of the said arrearages of rent, they recommend that a new lease be granted to Mr. Philip Hone for the term of Twelve years from the 1st day of May last, at the same rent and annual increase as was agreed to be paid by Mr. Stevens, and with the like covenants on the part of the Lessee as are contained in the said lease to Mr. Stevens, substituting however a good and substantial Team Boat, in the place of a Steam Boat as required by the said Lease.

[333] "The present landing place of the Ferry on this side of the River is at the foot of Murray Street, a situation too remote from the Market to afford proper accommodation to the Country people who bring their produce for sale, and is moreover destitute of every convenience for landing, having neither Piers, Floats nor Bridge. The situation at the foot of Vesey Street, where the petitioners are desirous of placing it, would obviate many of the difficulties which now exist: piers are already run out there, and it would afford a tolerable landing place at very little expence. But as that place is very much confined and constantly crouded with carts, and is immediately at the side of the Market, your Committee deem it an improper place for a ferry, and, under the circumstances they recommend that the said Ferry be permanently located at the foot of Barclay Street, as soon as the

ground in that vicinity shall have been filled in and properly regulated, and for that purpose that the right of the Corporation to the Bulkhead in front of that Street be granted to Mr. Hone during the said term, and in the mean time that the landing-place shall continue to be where it now is, at the foot of Murray Street: that the right of ferriage to be granted to Mr. Hone on the New York side shall extend [334] from the northerly bounds of the limits granted to the York and Jersey Steam Boat Company to the North Battery or Hubert Street."

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster
" Jno. P. Anthony.

which was approved.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Rodman Bowne, Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry, reported:

"That by the original Contract, made with the petitioner at the time his Lease was granted, the Corporation stipulated to sink a narrow pier in the centre of Catharine Slip against which to rest the Float: but as such pier would be a permanent obstruction and render the Slip useless in case of a removal of the Ferry, at the suggestion of the then Ferry Committee and Street Commissioner, the Petitioner consented to substitute Chains and Anchors for his Float instead of the pier, which were provided and were to be kept in repair by the Corporation.

"Your Committee find that the petitioner has expended the sum of One hundred and eighty dollars seventy six cents in repairing those chains, and the further sum of Eight dollars [335] for repairs to the piers at his place of landing: That, in consequence of some objection by the Street Commissioner to the amount of the Bill presented to him for repairing the said chains, the petitioner was sued and put to the expence of Twelve dollars, amounting in all to the sum of Two hundred and six dollars seventy-six cents, which your Committee are satisfied ought to be refunded to him.

"The petitioner represents, that, in consequence of the Pier on the southerly side of Catharine Slip being too short, the bridges have been frequently injured by the Ice, and that the rapidity of the current is such as often to render it difficult and dangerous to land, of the truth of which your Committee are fully satisfied, and believe it to be the duty of the Corporation at no distant period to sink a Block of from forty to fifty feet at the end of that pier, unless the contem-

plated pier at Oliver Street shall be found to obviate the difficulties which now exist."

All which is respectfully submitted.

(sign'd) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster
" Jno. P. Anthony
Ferry Committee.

which report was approved.

[336] The Committee on Public Offices, on the subject of licensing Alien Cartmen, reported:

"That they have had under their consideration the annexed letter of his Honor the Mayor's on the subject of Alien Cartmen and the petition on behalf of certain Cartmen also annexed. Your Committee return these papers, and recommend to the Board that this subject be left exclusively with the Mayor, to act as he may deem expedient."

(sign'd) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen.

which Report was approved.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for regulating Greenwich Street, reported:

"That they have examined the situation of the upper end of Greenwich Street, and are of opinion that it will be proper to turnpike the Street and to lay the Curb on the West side, which they presume will answer every purpose for the present, and until some of the cross Streets are opened and dug out to the River, when it may be permanently regulated agreeably to the petitioners' wishes.

"They would therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner [337] be instructed to cause that part of Greenwich Street between Bank Street and Greenwich Lane, at the intersection of the Ninth Avenue to be formed into a Turnpike Road, that the Curb Stone be laid on the West side, and the side walk gravelled, and that he prepare an Ordinance to that effect."

(sign'd) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Leonard Kip
" John M^cComb.

which Report was approved.

Mr. Allen presented the following: which was approved and a Warrant directed to issue:

"Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of the Comptroller for

Four thousand one hundred and thirty nine dollars and fifty one cents, and that he be instructed to tender under direction of the Counsel to the owners of the premises required for the purpose of laying out a Slip between Catharine Slip and Oliver Street the amount of the sums of money which were awarded to them respectively by the Jury empannelled to assess their damages for their respective losses in consequence of causing their ground and premises to be converted to and used for a Slip by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York."

[338] Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution, on the subject of placing the granting of Booths under the direction of the First Marshall and High Constable. Alderman Mesier presented a Resolution directing that hereafter no booths be permitted to be erected without the special permission of the Common Council. The Resolution proposed by Mr. Stevens was laid on the table. It was then moved to refer the Resolution of Alderman Mesier to a Committee, which was negatived. The question was then taken on agreeing to the Resolution, and passed in the Negative. Mr. Stevens' Resolution was then called up and being read, was as follows:

"Resolved—that the granting permission for Booths or Stands on public days be hereafter done under the direction of the First Marshall and High Constable, and that the perquisites arising therefrom be equally divided between the said Officers: and further that it be the duty of the High Constable to prevent drunkeness and riot in and about such booths on all public days."

On the question of agreeing to the same, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Alderman King presented the following:

"Resolved—that it be referred [339] to a Committee to consider the expediency of prohibiting the sale of unwholesome Loaf Bread in this City, and of authorising the Inspectors of Bread to inspect the quality as well as the weight, and that the said Committee be authorized to report by ordinance or otherwise."

which was agreed to and referred to the Committee on Laws.

Resolved—that the following be a Committee to make the accustomed arrangements for the celebration of the ensuing Anniversary of American Independence: Viz.

Aldermen Buckmaster King Thorp Mesier Mr Allen

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in the Treasury on 18th inst.....	54. 1
Received for Tax of 1817—8th and 10th wards.....	1739.39

Recd for Tavern Licenses	387.00	
" " Mayoralty fees	232.50	
" " Commut. Alien Pass	115.00	
" " Streets	820.89	
" " Penalties	46.28	= 3395.07

[340] Accounts Audited.

And. Van Orden, Keepr Battery 1 mo. to 15 May	45.94	
R. Munson, 5 casks oil, bought of M. Crosby	443.59	
Geo. Snethen, Supt & lights lamps. 1 mo. to 1 June	758.45	
Hill and Ayres on account, for filling Basin at Dey St	1000.00	
Peter Debaum on account for regulating Hudson St	502.96	
Jacob C. Mott and Associates, for making sundry assessments	267.00	
Jas. Pinkerton, pav. Orange St. from Hester to Grand St	200.00	
Jas. Pinkerton, repairing Intersections of Streets	164.65	= 3382.59
Balance		$12.48

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock.

]341] In Common Council June 15. 1818

Present. The Honble C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
John Morss.	John P. Anthony
Robt. McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Effingham Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of Francis A. Everard was received, stating that he had invented a machine for Sweeping Chimnies previous to the invention of Mr. Bruff now before the Common Council, and praying the Corporation to examine his Machine previous to their granting any exclusive privilege to Mr. Bruff.

A Report was received from the Keeper of the City Prison and Bridewell, agreeably to the Law of the Common Council made and provided, of the Prisoners confined [342] in said prison, detailing the

Crimes for which emprisoned, by whom committed, their Sex, Colour and State of Health; which was directed to be filed.

A Memorial was received from the Directors of the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, lately incorporated in this City, stating that they have under their immediate care Sixty of those unfortunate beings, that the Subscription books of the Institution have been sometime opened but that the sums subscribed are quite inadequate to the purposes of the Society, and praying aid from the Corporation; which being read was referred to the following Committee:— viz. Mr. Allen, Ald. Van Amringe, Ald. Morss.

A Memorial from sundry Butchers holding Stalls in the Fly Market, complaining that Butchers are in the habit of purchasing small meats and selling them in the lower or Fish Market, under pretence of being agents for the Country people, and praying as there are many vacant Stalls in the upper Market that they may be compelled to sell their meat [343] at those Stalls, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Request of E. S. Lazarus, to be permitted to construct a Vault in front of a Lot in Hester Street between Broadway and Rynder Street opposite Crosby Street, and a similar request from Peter Jay Munro for a Vault in Walker Street at the Corner of Broadway, were read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

An application from Brigham Howe, for permission to construct a cistern in Fulton Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report.

A Remonstrance of Richard Montgomery Livingston, complaining of an assessment for a Well in Dominick Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Communication from General Morton, stating that the Standard directed by the Corporation to be presented to the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colonel William L. Hunter was finished, and that the Regiment proposed parading on Thursday next to receive the same, and that the Officers requested the Common Council would honor them by dining with them on that day, was read, and the [344] arrangement proposed was agreed to.

Two Memorials from Sundry Bakers and Citizens, on the subject of frauds practised in Loaf Bread, were read and referred to the Committee appointed on that subject, Viz. Committee on Laws.

A Memorial from a number of Inhabitants of the Tenth Ward, stating that from the increased population of said Ward and other

considerations it was necessary that a Market should be erected for their accommodation, and praying that one may be erected in some central part of the Ward, was read and referred to a Committee consisting of the Aldermen and Assistants of the 10th, 8th and 7th Wards.

A Petition of Abraham Coddington, for appointment of Inspector of Lime, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Resignation from Samuel Thorne of the Office of Inspector of Lime was read and accepted.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Harlaem, that the Engine at present stationed in that village may be [345] exchanged for a larger one, as it is too small to answer any beneficial purpose, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Henry Fanning, Executor of Frederick Davoue, praying further time for payment of an assessment on property of Estate of said Davoue for opening Franklin Square, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Robert Polly, to be permitted to sell Earthen Ware on the side walks at Catharine Market, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition from James R. Mullany, for permission to erect Stairs on the outside of a Building to be used for a short time as an Office in Warren Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A further petition of John R. Livingston complaining of proceedings had against him on the subject of filling in certain Lots, and praying that a Suit against him may be discontinued, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition to pave Ludlow Street between [346] Delancy and Rivington Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants, that a Bridge may be built in Hudson Street over the Canal of Canal Street, was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th and 8th Wards, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A Communication was received from the Street Commissioner, stating that, as the report of the Commissioners on opening 4th and Henry Streets, on enlarging a part of Spring Street and of Crosby Street had been confirmed by the Supreme Court, he would recommend that an order be given to proceed on said Reports—whereupon the Commissioner was referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Bond Street, which was confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for regulating Rivington Street, for paving Broadway and Spring Street, for a Well [347] and Pump in Leonard Street and in Goerck Street: whereupon warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the draft of a notice describing certain property assessed for opening the Third, Eighth and Tenth Avenues, also for enlarging and improving Chapel Street, concerning which he reported as follows:—

"The Collectors having used their best endeavours to collect the assessment, but without effect, as the property is in such a situation that the money cannot be obtained: He therefore respectfully suggests the propriety of an order being given to publish this notice, and to dispose of the property in conformity to the Law.

"He would also recommend that that part of the Harlaem Commons that was assessed for opening the Third Avenue be included in this notice, amounting to Seven hundred and forty nine dollars and thirty three cents, with the interest thereon since August 4th 1814.

(sign'd) Jno M^cComb,
St. Commissioner

whereupon he was directed to advertise the same for sale agreeably to Law.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Dennis M^cCarthy, reported:

"That he has viewed the pre- [348] mises, and would recommend that the request be granted on, the usual terms, as there is not room on the lot to sink a Cistern."

(signed) John M^cComb
St. Comm^r

which Report was approved.

The City Inspector presented a Report stating that two lots fronting Northerly on Leonard Street are in a state of nuisance, and recommended that they be filled in, which was directed to be referred to the Street Commissioner to cause said lots to be filled and the expences to remain a lien on the same.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

A. Craig	Lessee.	48 Crosby St.	Lot.
A. W. Wesson	Occ.		
Vestry Trinity Ch.	Own.	Dominic St.	do
Thos. Barrow	Agt.		
Phil. Rhinelander,	Own.	312 & 314 Greenwich	do
Chs. Kohler	Own.	95 James St.	do
M. Bruce	Occ.		
J. Purdy	Own.	64 Pump St.	do
H. Purdy	Occ.		
G. Haight	Own.	Hester c. Forsythe	do
—— Perisan	Occ.		

(sign'd) Geo. Cuming, Cit. Insp.

which were passed.

[349] The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies):

"Fire Engine Company No. 3."

Ab^m V^n Buskirk, Turner, Stone St. 1 Ward, vice Richard Morris, Resigned

Alph^s Johnson, Cabinet M^r Broad St. 1 ward, vice Hopkins Robertson, Resigned.

Pet. P. Bertine, Mason, Duane St. 5 ward, vice Jacob Clinch, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

Geo. Colgate, Tallow Chandler, 8 Dutch St. 2 ward, an additional member.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 5."

W^m J. Willis, Account^t 32 Frankfort St. 4 ward, vice Robert Lamb, Removed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 13."

Robt. M. Hicks, Account. 31 Vandewater, 4 ward, vice Jas. Riker, Resigned.

Jac. S. Duryee, Grocer, William c. Fulton, 2 ward, vice Latham Stratton, ap. F. Warden.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 37."

W^m Bumsted, Sasher, Hester n. Eldridge, 10 ward, vice Thomas Parker, resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 40."

Linus K. Henshaw, Shoe Mr 175 Mott St. 8 ward, vice Freeman Bartholomew, Resigned.

[350] John Boman, Carver, Crosby n. Grand, 8 ward vice Henry Crum, Resigned.

Philip Derick, Cartman, 51 Orchard, 10 ward, vice David Porter, Resigned.

Isaac Coles, Flour Mercht. 54 Orchard, 10 ward, vice William Quirk, Resigned.

Philip Berry, Carpenter, 5 Spring St. 8 ward, vice Joseph Curtis, Expelled.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of employing an assistant to the Assessors, reported:

"That in their opinion the measures adopted to insure a correct assessment of the real estate in the outer wards of this City cannot be carried into effect without the employment of a proper person to give the necessary assistance to the Assessors. From the construction of the Map of the Tenth Ward, in particular, being in separate sheets, bound together in a Book, the Assessors are unable sufficiently to comprehend the several numbers and boundaries of the lots so as to complete their assessment with the correctness required.

"It has been represented to the Committee that Mr. Doughty, who made the Map of the Tenth Ward, is willing, for a reasonable compensation, to attend with the Assessors [351] daily until the books are completed.

The loss which has been sustained in consequence of assessing a number of lots to one person, when they were owned by several, together with the difficulties experienced by the Collectors for want of a proper designation of the property, is a sufficient inducement with the Committee to request that the Board will authorise them to employ, in such of the wards as in their opinion may require it, and with the consent of the Assessors, a proper person to assist in carrying into effect the plan adopted by the Board."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the new Loan-Officers of the County of New York, on the sub-

ject of the Mortgages on the property of the late A. L. Bleecker, reported:

"That the Manhattan Company hold a subsequent mortgage on the premises, and, to prevent the foreclosure threatened by the Loan Officers in their communication to the Board, have paid the interest to May 1818. They now offer to pay off the incumbrance on the property, provided the Corporation will execute [352] a transfer of their title to the company. The claims of the Corporation are as follows:

Two years' interest paid on Mortgage		$875.
Cost for advertising and selling		5.63
Canal Street Assessment	170.36	
Interest on do say	71.40	
		241.76
Regulating Bleecker St		131.75
		$1254.14

The Committee have understood that the only object the Board had in view in directing this property to be bought was to secure them from loss, which as Supervisors of the County they are bound to make good in cases where money was loaned on inadequate security by the Loan Officers. Assuming this as fact, the Committee presume there will be no objection to agreeing to the arrangement with the Manhattan Company: they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Finance Committee be authorised to complete the arrangement with the Manhattan Company, in relation to the property of the late A. L. Bleecker sold on a foreclosure of mortgage and bought in by order of this Board—provided the said Company shall pay all the claims the Corporation have on the said property." Respectfully [353] submitted.

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Saml Akerly

which was approved, and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Walter Bowne for relief from payment of interest on an assessment for improving Franklin Square, reported:

"That they have good reason to believe, in more than one instance, the awards in favor of Mr. Bown have not been received by

him until some months after they became due, on which he neither expected nor required interest: it is but just therefore, as no interest was paid him in the cases alluded to, that none should be demanded in the present case. Under these impressions the Committee recommend that the Collector be directed to receive of Mr. Bown the principal of the Assessment, without demanding interest."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerly.

which was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Letter of Judge Van Ness, reported:

"That they have had under [354] their consideration the annexed letter of the Honorable Judge Van Ness to the May[or] on the subject of the Clerk's Office of the United States' District Court.

"The conduct of the Clerk and his treatment of the Office are unexceptionable, as far as the information of your Committee goes, and the reasons which led your Committee to conclude that the Chief Justice of the State of New York should have a preference in the occupation of the room in question to the Clerk of the United States' District Court are mentioned in the previous report on this subject: and, that Judge Van Ness may be possessed of these reasons, which we presume have governed the Board, your Committee recommend that his Honor the Mayor furnish Judge Van Ness with copies of this and the previous report on this subject."

(signed) Samuel Stevens.
" Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly.

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Henry Rutgers and family, on the subject of arrears of taxes due, reported:

"That the facts connected [355] with this subject are as follows:—

"In the year 1811 the books of the Collector of that Ward were destroyed by fire, by which it became impossible to ascertain who were and who were not delinquent, and many were returned as such who in fact had paid the taxes on being called on by the Collector and held his receipt for the same. A large proportion of the property of Colonel Rutgers, on which arrears appear to be due, were under lease to the occupants and owners of the buildings, which leases have since

expired, and the buildings removed from the premises; in consequence of which, together with the death of some and the removal from the city of others, it has been impossible for the petitioners to identify the persons who in justice ought to be chargeable with these arrears. Under these circumstances the Committee have been led to view the case of the petitioners as a very hard one, and, pursuant to the discretion vested in them by the Board, have directed the Collector of arrears of taxes to receive from Colonel Rutgers the sum of Two hundred dollars, in lieu of Four hundred and Sixty one dollars nineteen cents, the amount returned as delinquent: which has been complied with accordingly and the account closed."

(sign'd) "Allen": "Munson": "Van Amringe": "Akerly."

which was approved.

[356] The Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward, on the petition of Christian Heiser, reported:

"That Mr. Heiser is the owner of a small triangular piece of ground on said corner, which is 4 feet in Hudson and 20 inches on Reed Street; that the larger part of the Street to be occupied by the vault will be the intersection of Hudson and Reed Streets:

"That your Committee have strong doubts on the propriety of granting permissions for vaults other than as appendages to buildings: that in the present case the ground is so very small as not to afford even a passage to the vault—the passage would have consequently to be in the street—this would both be an annoyance to the neighbourhood and also dangerous to passing along the sidewalk.

"From these considerations your Committee are of opinion that it would be improper to grant the prayer of the petition, and do therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

(sign'd) John Morss
Ald. 5 ward.
" J. J. Westervelt
Asst 5 ward

which report was approved.

[357] The Street Committee, on the Street Commissioner's communication respecting the situation of the grounds in front of Albany Basin, reported:

"That the nuisance ought to be immediately corrected—for which purpose they respectfully recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to have the bulkhead raised to its proper height, and the gutters laid so as to convey the water from the present pavement to

the Basin, and that the ground be raised where the same may be necessary to conduct the water into the gutters."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip.

which was approved.

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition for paving Broadway, reported:

"That they have examined the same and are of an opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted."

(sign'd) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip.

approved, and an Ordinance directed therefor.

[358] The Street Committee, on the petition of the Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street, reported:

"That they have viewed the situation of Roosevelt Street and given the subject due consideration, and are fully of opinion that the houses should be removed and the improvement completed without delay—Most of the buildings were let under the condition that the tenants were to remove whenever the Corporation should direct, and several of the owners of the lots are anxious to commence building on the proper line.

"They therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to give the occupants notice to remove within 20 days from this day, and that he cause the buildings to be taken down and removed from off the street immediately after."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip

which was approved.

The Street Committee, on the petition of John Brown for altering the line [359] of Chatham Street, reported:

"That they have had the subject under consideration and are of

opinion that by the line of the accompanying profile it will fully appear that the alteration will add much to the appearance of that street: Therefore

"Resolved that the subject be referred to the Finance Committee, to treat with the owners of the property for the ground that is to be taken and report at our next meeting."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Samuel Akerly
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss.

which was approved, and it was referred to the Finance Committee accordingly.

The Street Committee and Canal Committee, on the petition for paving a part of Collect Street, reported:

"That they have viewed said street, and, from its very offensive situation, recommend that, so soon as a plan shall be agreed on for the regulation of said street, (which subject has been referred to the Canal Committee) that the Street Commissioner be directed to report an ordinance for paving said street from Pearl to the south side of Franklin Street."

(signed) Taylor, Morss, Parker, Akerly,
" Schieffelin, Kip, Underhill.

which was approved.

[360] The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, with the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward, to whom it was referred to treat with the owners of the Bulk head and Pier near Minturn and Champlin's Wharf, reported:

"That they have received a Communication signed by all the persons interested in said Bulkhead and Pier, except one, offering to sell to the Corporation all their interests in said Bulkhead and Pier for the sum awarded by the Jury. Your Committee, under all the circumstances of the case, are not altogether satisfied to recommend the acceptance of their offer to the Board, as no testimony was adduced on the side of the Corporation to lessen the value of the property about to be taken.

"Therefore your Committee recommend that the Counsel take the necessary measures to summon a new Jury, to value the aforesaid property lying between James' Slip and the west line of John Clark's property on the East River.

"Your Committee farther recommend that the Counsel take the

necessary measures to set aside the proceedings in the Mayor's Court in relation to the Bulkhead, Pier &c. [361] between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street."

(signed)	A. L. Underhill
"	Robert McQueen
"	Jno. P. Anthony
"	Stephen Allen.

which Report was approved.

Alderman Van Amringe presented the following Resolutions:

"Resolved—that the Counsellor of the Board be instructed to proceed forthwith in the necessary legal measures to put the Board in possession of the property from the west side of John Clark's property and the Bulkhead or ground from said line westerly to the middle or half part of the Pier now or late the property of Minturn and Champlin together with the East half part or moiety of said Pier last mentioned."

On the question of agreeing to the same, and a Division having been called, it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Ald. Underhill, Morss, McQueen, Buckmaster, Taylor, Munson. Messrs. Stevens, Kip, Anthony, Westervelt, Board, Schieffelin Allen 13.

Affirmative. Ald. King, Van Amringe, Thorp, Messrs. Bolton, Parker, Akerly. 6.

[362] Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips be authorised to purchase of the proprietors, for public purposes, the Bulkhead and pier, or any part thereof, lying between the westwardly bounds of the property of John Clark and James' Slip—provided such purchase can be effected at a sum 25 per cent below the valuation of the Jury, and previous to any legal measures being taken by the Counsel to put the Corporation in possession of the same."

The Committee on Applications presented the following report:

"That they have now before them a number of applications for the appointment of public Weigh Masters

"That in their opinion the Law to regulate the same requires an alteration, inasmuch as they believe an entire change in that department would not only be of great advantage to the public, but individual interest might be better secured. They would therefore recommend to call in all the old Warrants, and that it should not be lawful

for any person to act as a pub- [363] lic Weigh Master after the day of unless he should be reappointed by the Board."

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip
" Effingham Schieffelin

which was agreed to, as modified by the following Resolution afterward presented:

"Resolved—that on and after the 1st day of August it shall not be lawful for any person to act as a public Weighmaster, unless he shall be reappointed by this Board—and that the Clerk of this Board give notice to the Weighmasters to bring in their warrants on or before the 15th day of July next."

The following Resolution was presented by Mr. Kip, and agreed to:

"Resolved that a special Committee be appointed to report to the Board a plan for the regulation and appointment of Public Weighmasters for the City and County of New York." Whereupon a Committee of the following persons was appointed:

Mr. Kip. Ald. Buckmaster King. Messrs. Board—Schieffelin—Committee on Weigh Masters.

[364] The Canal Committee, to whom with the Street Commissioner was referred the Petition for paving a part of Collect Street, presented a Report containing a plan for regulating Collect Street, which was read and laid for consideration, and fifty copies were directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The following Resolutions were presented and agreed to:

"Resolved—that the several City Guagers and Measurers of Grain and Coal be directed to report to the Clerk of this Board, by the 15th day of July next, their respective places of residence and occupations (if any) distinct from the duties of said offices: and that every person holding either of the said appointments, who shall fail to make such report by the time above specified, shall be deemed to have resigned his commission, and therefrom shall cease to execute the duties thereof."

"Resolved that the Inspectors of Lumber be required by public notice to report their several names to the Clerk of this Board on or before the 15th day of July, and in case [365] of neglect that the delinquents be considered as having resigned their commissions."

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved, that the Comptroller be authorised to borrow on the

credit of the Corporation a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand dollars, at an interest not exceeding six per cent per annum: and that the same be borrowed in such amount, and at such times, as the demands on the Treasury may require, and as the Finance Committee shall direct."

The Resignation of Abner Curtis as Register and Inspector of Dogs, presented on the day of was called up and accepted, and John Coffin was appointed to that office in his place.

A motion was made to take into consideration the Report of the Committee on the subject of the Law respecting Swine. On the question of considering the same, a division having been called, it passed in the negative:

N. { Ald. Morss, McQueen, Buckmaster, Taylor, Thorp, Munson.
Messrs. Anthony, Westervelt, Parker, Akerly, Board.

A King, Underhill, Vn Amringe, Bolton, Stevens, Kip, Allen.

[366] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 8th ins	$12.48	
Recd for Rents	4722.74	
" " Tax 1817—6th ward	861.37	
" " Tavern Licenses	186.20	
" " Streets	2264.00	
" " Docks & Slips	100.00	
" " 8th Avenue	100.00	= 8246.79

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1 dist	1118.25	
Clark & Hibberd " 2 "	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower " 3 "	413.00	
Phil. Becanon, Bread Ir 1 qr. 10 June	92.10	
Steph. McCormick, Park K. 61 days. 1 do	91.50	
And. Vn Orden, Battery K. 1 mo. 15 ins	45.00	
Martin & Booth, 2 Stamps, Clk's Off	20.31	
Fred. Saunders, Watchman, Court Witness, 6th March	2.00	
R. Munson, Chn A. H. Committee for work 1st Avenue	700.00	
S. Allen, Chn Finance Comee Mortgage on lots by B. M. Vn Beuren	635.00	
Pet. De Baum, regs Hudson St	1000.00	
Jno. Sloan, do. Houston do	100.00	
Tucker & Mabie, rep. Drain, Mn Lane	31.00	
Jno. Gallagher, bal. Well, Dominick St	60.75	
Jac. P. Roome, Sup. Reprs. for Reprs	700.00	
Rich. Furman, Sup. A. House	2500.00	= 8191.41
	Balance	$55.38

Adjourned to Thursday next 12 o'clock.

[367] In Common Council June 18. 1818

Present.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
E. W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
Geo. B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Board met agreeably to adjournment.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Street Committee relative to altering the line of Chatham Street, reported:

"That the Committee are uninformed by the paper referred to them which of the lines on the profile was fixed on by the Street Committee: they have therefore been guided by their own opinion on this subject, and have adopted that line drawn from the northeasterly corner of James Street, extending up Chatham Street 98 feet; which will permit Mr. John Brown to advance on Chatham Street at the corner of James Street 4 feet [368] and at the eastwardly line of his lot 2 feet 5 inches, and will add to his ground 168 square feet. The Committee are of opinion that Mr. Brown is benefitted by this addition to his property, together with the permission to advance on the Street, to the amount of Three hundred dollars: Mr. Brown however differs with the Committee, and is unwilling to give more than Two hundred and fifty dollars for the advantages to be derived from said improvement. The Committee, being unable to treat therefor, respectfully submit the subject to the decision of the Board, either to confirm their opinion as to the value of the benefit, or to accept of the offer made by Mr. Brown.

"The Committee farther state, that there are two lots to the east of the last mentioned property, which by the arrangement under consideration will have a small addition of ground on Chatham Street: The owners of this property have not been seen on the subject, and the Committee are unable to inform the Board what their opinions or intentions are as to the improvement under consideration."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly.

[369] The Chairman stated that since signing the Report he had seen Mr. Brown, who had acceded to the terms proposed by the Committeee: whereupon, the Report of said Committee was agreed to. Mr. Allen then presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that a Deed be prepared by the Counsel in favor of Mr. John Brown, quitting all claim of the Corporation to the piece of ground in front of his lot at the corner of James and Chatham Streets, as designated by the Report of the Finance Committee on that subject, for which the said Brown shall pay to the Corporation the sum of Three hundred dollars."

Alderman King presented the following, which was also agreed to:

"That the Finance Committee be authorised to treat for the sale of the ground immediately adjacent to the property of John Brown in Chatham Street, so that they may be made to pay at or after the same rate paid by Mr. Brown in advancing on the Street."

The Report of the Canal and Street Committee on the subject of Canal and Collect Streets was called up, and, after some discussion, Alderman King presented the following, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Report of the [370] Canal Committee on the subject of Canal Street be referred to the Street Commissioner, and that he be requested to suggest any alteration that he may deem expedient and to cause a plan or draft for the construction of the proposed Canal to be made and presented to this Board with all convenient speed, together with his opinion on the probable expence of building said Canal."

The Street Commissioner was particularly instructed to endeavour, at as early a day as possible, to present, if not a plan to regulate the whole of Canal Street, at least such a plan as may enable him to report an Ordinance for paving Collect Street agreeably to the report of the Canal and Street Committees on that subject.

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 o'clock.

[371] In Common Council June 22. 1818

Present. The Hble. C. D. Holden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Wm F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	Jno. J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Letter from his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins, offering an elevated spot on his grounds at Staten Island as a Scite for signal poles free of expence, was read and referred to Aldermen Mesier, Buckmaster, Thorp, Underhill. Mr. Allen.

A Letter was received from John Coffin, resigning his appointment as Register &c. under the Dog Law, was read and accepted. And on motion Benjamin Watson was [372] appointed in his place.

A Petition of Samuel Evans, to be permitted to erect a small Ferry House at the foot of Walnut Street, for the accommodation of passengers, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Complaint against the Carmen resorting to Coffee House Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of W. Cornell for appointment as Wood Inspector: one of Thomas Cornwall for appointment as Superintendant of the Mud Machine: and one of Lewis Rogers for appointment as Street Inspector—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Communication of B. Skaats, Keeper of the Hall, recommending an advance of money to him for the purchase of Fuel for the City Hall, was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to direct the purchase of such quantity as they should judge proper.

[373] A Request of John Sidell, First Marshall, to be informed what portion of the fees on Hack Licenses and Hack-Drivers was to be paid to him for his own use, was read and referred to the Finance Committee to report.

A Petition of Adam Hill and Phœbe his wife, in behalf of themselves and of Chapin Ward of Newtown State of Massachusetts, stat-

ing that George Ward brother of said Phœbe died intestate and that a balance of his Estate, amounting to Two hundred and fifty four dollars sixty six cents, has been paid agreeably to law to the Chamberlain, and praying the same may be paid to Petitioners as the legal representatives, was read and referred to the Comptroller to report.

The following petitions were read and referred to the Market Committee; viz.—of George Goodheart for Stall no. 54 in Washington Market; of Elias Deforest for the same; of Cornelius Vandenburgh (with a recommendation) for a Stall in the market about to be erected in the Tenth Ward; of Joseph Graaf to be restored to his Stall in Washington Market, for which Charles Gilman has taken out a License; and of Abraham Pierre, to continue selling Smoked Meat in Market.

[374] A Petition that Lawrence Street may be regulated and the Curb-Stone laid from Broome to Prince Street, and that a Well may be sunk at the corner of Lawrence and Spring Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the Carriage-Way of Hammond Street from Washington to Asylum Street may be laid was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Sarah Ver Plank, for permission for a Huckster's Stall in the Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward.

A Petition of Stephen Allen, for permission for himself and Catharine Marsellis to construct vaults in Beekman Street was granted on usual terms, under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from a Committee, in behalf of the owners of lots at the Bowling Green, requesting that a plan for the Court yard in front of their Dwelling houses accompanying the petition may be accepted and acted on in lieu of the one [375] adopted by the Board in 1816 and filed in the Register's Office, was read and granted, under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Mallory, stating that a complaint had been made against him to the Attorney of his having permitted gambling in his house, and praying that a Committee be appointed to investigate the same, was read, and leave was given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition on behalf of Mary Green, stating that permission had been given her to construct a vault in Orange Street; that in computing the amount to be paid for the same a mistake had occurred, and a considerable sum more than the law required was paid, and the mistake

not discovered until the money had been paid into the Treasury, and praying that the proper officer may be directed to refund the same, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report thereon.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:—)

"Fire Engine Company, No. 33."

Geo. Mariner, vice Jos. Lyons Jr. Resigned.
[376] Abm. Craft, vice Isaac Jenkins, Resigned.
Robertson Clark, vice David Hart, Resigned.
Clark Peckham, vice John Halsey, Resigned.
Corn[s] Bogart, vice William Davis, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 34."

Hickson Wilson, vice Nathan Holden, Resigned.
Jas. W. Lynch, vice Adolph Brown, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances; which ordinances were passed.

Jno. A. King.	Own. & Occ.	89	Gold St.	Lot.
Jac. C. Mott	do do	37	Frankfort	do.
Elias Burger	Own.	182	Washington	do.
Dan. Abbott Par[s] Jackson	Les.	35	Cherry	do.
Phil. Rhinelander	Own.	83	Barclay	do.
Almer	Occ.			
Robt. Brown	Own.		Collect	do.
Jas. Cowan	do		do	do.
And. Stockholm.	Own. or Ag.	508	Pearl	do.
And. R. Ogden	Agt.	103	William.	Privy.
Chas. Debost	Occ.			
Jno. Jones	Own.	79	Wall	do.
A. Young	Occ.			
[377] Jas. T. Bull,	Les. & Occ.	77	Wall St	do
W[m] Dening	Own.	89	Murray	do
A. Rider	Occ.			
Will Denning	Own.	91	do	do.
Rob. Ferguson	Occ.			
Jno. Waldron	Own.	54	Ludlow St.	do.
R. Devou	Occ.			

(signed) Geo. Cuming. C. I.

The Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Counsel, on the petition of Dominick Lynch, reported:

"That Dominick Lynch by order of the Board made the whole of that part of Front Street which adjoins the Walnut Street Slip, altho' by his grant he was required to make but one half of it. The water at the head of the Slip would not have been sufficiently deep for the accommodation of vessels if the whole of Front Street had not been filled up. Under these circumstances the undersigned are of opinion that Mr. Lynch ought to be allowed the sum which he has thus expended beyond the requisitions of his grant, together with the interest which has accrued upon the same. They therefore respectfully recommend that the Street Commissioner be authorised to audit his account for such expences, and that they be allowed him: provided he pays forthwith the balance which is due from him to the Corporation, and the costs of the suit which has been com- [378] menced against him.

"With respect to the demand of Mr. Lynch for a piece of ground constituting a part of Orange Street, the undersigned are of opinion that he has no good claim upon the Corporation for the same. That ground was left open by him and was regulated by the Corporation under an impression that it was part of the Street: if it was not so, (which the undersigned do not admit to be the fact) the expence, for taking it for that purpose ought to be borne by those who may be benefitted thereby, in pursuance of the provisions of the law, and not by the Corporation."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.
" G. N. Bleecker.
" Jno. M^cComb.

which was approved.

The Comptroller, on the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Health, reported:

"That he has examined an account exhibited by Thomas R. Smith, late Treasurer of the Board of Health, with the vouchers accompanying it, from the 18th June 1816 to the 12th June 1818. He received by Warrants Two thousand three hundred dollars, and from Peter M^cCartee former Trea- [379] surer Forty seven dollars eighty two cents making Two thousand three hundred and forty seven dollars eighty two cents. He paid out agreeably to vouchers Two thousand and sixty eight dollars sixty three cents, leaving a balance on hand of

Two hundred and seventy nine dollars nineteen cents which has been paid over to Alderman Munson Treasurer of the Board of Health."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

The Comptroller presented a Release of Quit Rent on Water Lots in the First Ward granted on 3d February 1773 to David Provoost commuted for by a Deed of Release to Isaac Heyer, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication, stating that Mrs. Downey, who had been ordered to remove a house from the Bowery, had refused to comply with the order, and requesting further instructions, was referred to the Counsel with directions to take legal measures for removing the same.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving the Intersection of Provost and Franklin Streets, and [380] for regulating Collect Street, which were confirmed, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in the former and Noah Jarvis in the latter.

The Street Commissioner, agreeably to order, presented a report on the subject of Canal and Collect Streets. The Report of the Canal Committee on that subject was called up. After some consideration it was resolved that so much of said report as relates to paving Collect Street to Franklin Street be approved; and it was ordered that said report, together with the report of the Canal Committee, be referred to the Canal Committee and Street Commissioner for further consideration, and that they report thereon at the next meeting of the Board; and the said subject was made the order of the day at the next meeting. It was also requested of the Committee that they would in their report state what proportion of the expence of said improvement should be borne by individuals to be benefitted thereby and what by the public.

The Street Commissioner, on the Petition of Brigham Howe, reported that Mr. Howe had not room for a Cistern on his lot, and he therefore [381] recommended that he have permission to construct one under the Street—which report was approved.

The Street Commissioner, on the subject of Mrs. Morrell's Lot in Rose Street, reported:

"That some time since an agreement was made with Mrs. Morrell for a Lot of ground in Rose Street for the purpose of erecting two Engine houses thereon. The size of the lot was taken at that time (from what now appears to be an imperfect sketch of the property)

to be 25 feet front by 53 feet deep. Since the first of May the building that was on it has been removed, and the lot surveyed: by which it appears that the lot is 25 feet in front and 39.5′ in the rear, and 54 feet deep. As there are infants interested in this property, it became necessary to make an application to the Court of Chancery to enable them to make sale of their share, which has been done, and an order has been obtained for that purpose: but the description of the lot corresponded with the sketch first made, being 25 feet front and rear and 53 feet deep. This proceeding has been done in good faith at the expence of the Infants: They are now willing to convey the residue of the lot on condition that the Corporation will pay the expence of the second application which will not exceed fifty dollars, and [382] to allow the grantors to retain a triangular piece of the lot. of 5 feet on Rose Street running to a point 25 feet back, as shaded red on the sketch herewith, by which the Corporation will gain about one sixth more ground than was at first supposed to be in the lot, as it will then be 20 feet front, 39′. 5″ rear, 54 feet on the North Side and 50 feet on South side."

(signed) Jno. M^cComb.

Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on the Fire-Department, with authority to make such agreement respecting the purchase of said Lot as to them should appear just and equitable.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition relative to completing South Street, reported:

"That they have maturely considered the subject of the Memorial and are fully of opinion that in consequence of the many improvements about to take place in that vicinity, it is rendered necessary that South Street should be completed east to the east line of Jno. Clark's property and adjoining the waters about to be taken by the Corporation between James' Slip and Roosevelt Street for a [383] public Basin or Slip. In so doing there will be made a Bulk head along aforesaid water or Slip of about Eighty feet and will be a substitute for all the purpose of accommodation for the present and for some time to come.

"Your Committee offer the following Resolution:—Resolved—that all the proprietors or owners of Water-lots between Dover Street and the east line of John Clark's property adjoining the water about to be taken for a publick slip be directed to complete and finish the Bulk-head of South Street to the aforesaid line by the 1st day of November next: and that the said proprietors or owners of Water Lots be also directed to cause the same to be filled in to the Bulk-head

of South Street by the 1st of July 1819 under the direction of the Street Commissioner and in conformity to the Map annexed: also that the Street Commissioner be directed to draft an Ordinance in the usual way, in conformity to the aforesaid Resolve and to carry the same into effect."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

Alderman Munson presented the following:

"Resolved—that the Road Committee [384] be empowered to shut up so much of the Third Avenue as may be thought proper, while the Convicts may be employed thereon—say from Bowery to 28th Street": which was agreed to.

Alderman King presented the following Resolution—which was agreed to:

"Resolved—that the Board of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening &c. Harman Street, and the like Board for closing, opening &c. Dover Street, and the like Board for closing and opening Oliver Street have permission as such Commissioners, and for no other purpose, to occupy the Room No. 2 Basement floor of the City Hall now occupied by Mr. Gilbert Collector of Taxes and by Mr. Jarvis Collector of the Canal Street Assessments during the pleasure of the Common Council: Provided such company shall not in any manner interfere with, interrupt or molest the said Collectors or either of them in the use of said Room."

Alderman King presented an Ordinance entitled "A Law to amend a Law concerning Dogs" which was passed.

The Comptroller reported, as follows:

[385] Balance in Treasury 15th ins	55.38	
Recd Tax 1817—5th ward	2000.00	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.00	
" Wells and Pumps	400.00	
" Docks and Slips	550.00	
" Streets	2375.37	
" First Street	181.64	
" Eighth Avenue	400.00	
" Tenth Avenue	100.00	
" Loan of Mechanics' Bank	12000.00	=18,562.39

Accounts Audited.

Ogden Edwards, Counsel, 1 qr. Salary—27th May	125.00	
Jno. J. Astor, Rent—ground—Spring St. Watch house—1 year—1 May 1818	30.00	
Jos. Perrigo & Jno. D. Crygier, Watchmen as Witnesses 5th inst.	4.00	
Geo. Storm, 1500 loads earth, lot Budd St. refundd by Trinity Chch.	206.37	
J. Haviland, Hose for Engines & reprs. 5 Jany. to 30 April	694.38	
Thos. Franklin, 26 loads wood for Engine houses	112.94	
Jno. McComb, Overseer of roads, on account repairs	500.00	
Jno. Sloan, bal. Well, Wooster St	65.88	
Jno. Gallagher, Well, King St	39.38	
Jno. Sloan, regs Houston St	100.00	
Jno. Stanley, do. Bond St	200.00	
Chs. Mooney, do. Collect St	200.00	
Hugh. Smith do Leonard St	200.00	
H. Smith, reg. Leonard, fr. Elm to Orange	200.00	
[386] Pet. Parcells, regs Sts. Greenwich V	300.00	
Jos. Willoughby, reg. Hammond St	300.00	
Corlis & May, flags B'Way	631.20	
Geo. Lovett, 1st instalt Pier—Spring St	3475.00	
Hill & Ayres, fills Basin, Dey St	1000.00	
Jno. McComb, St. Comr to pay bills for earth in basin Charlton St	500.00	
Jas. Vincent, earth deposited in Block—Charlton St	400.00	
Thos. McCready, delivg Tickets for fills block—Charlton St.	37.50	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Repairs—for Docks & Slips	1300.00	
Jac. P. Roome, Supt Reprs. for Reprs	350.00	
Jac. P. Roome do Lamps	200.00	
Rich. Furman, Sup. Alms' house	7000.00	=18,171.65
Balance		$390.74

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[387] In Common Council June 29. 1818

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Patrick Byrnes, stating that he is seized in right of his Wife of a Lot in Mott Street upon which has been assessed the sum of Twenty seven dollars seven cents for improving Mott Street, that petitioner is in very indigent circumstances, and praying relief: Whereupon—resolved that the Collection of said Assessment be delayed, and that the sum due remain a lien on the said lot.

A Memorial from sundry owners of property to be taken for opening the Sixth [388] Avenue, stating that in their opinion the plan for improving said Avenue would be altered for the better by extending the Avenue the width of Seventy feet from Greenwich Lane to its junction with Carmine Street, instead of carrying down said Avenue One hundred feet as contemplated, and praying said alteration may be made, was received:—which was referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Trustees of the New York Free School, that the garret of the Engine House at Greenwich may be lathed and plaistered for the farther accommodation of said School, was read and referred to the following Committee, with authority to grant the request of the petitioners:—Viz. Ald. Thorp Mr. Schieffelin Ald. Munson

A Petition of Lynde Catlin for permission to construct a Vault in Cliff Street, and of Jesse Scofield for a Vault in Park Place, were read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in [389] Cherry Street between Scammel and Walnut Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A further petition of Colonel James Murray for a Standard for

the Regiment under his command was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Letter from Mr. Mezzara addressed to the Mayor, on the subject of a fine imposed on him by the Court of Quarter Sessions on conviction for a libellous painting, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Harriot Babcock, a native of England, for some pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter from Chauncey Hall, offering a plan for the defence of Harbours, was read and referred to the Committee of Defence.

A Letter from Thomas Nixon, remonstrating against the proposed regulation of raising Pine Street between Pearl Street and the River, and a Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants on the same [390] subject, were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Presentment from the Grand Jury at the June Sessions, stating their opinion that the present Watch system was insufficient, and recommending that the Police Magistrates should be consulted on a new arrangement of the same—recommending also that the Marshals & Constables should be directed to patrole the streets on Sunday and take up and commit all vagrants and disorderly persons, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Henry Bonta for relief from a fine imposed on him by the Clerk of the Market for forestalling for purchasing butter for sale previous to the hour prescribed by Law, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry boatmen concerned in bringing Stone to Market for sale for the appointment of an Inspector of Stone, was read and referred to—Alderman Morss Alderman Thorp Mr. Westervelt.

[391] A Petition of Caleb Coffin, for the appointment of Measurer of Grain, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Joseph Dean for permission to remove a Wooden Building from Chamber Street to Spring Street, and a similar one from John Lovett to remove a stable from a Lot in Orange Street, were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards, with authority to grant the prayers of the petitioners.

A Request of the New York State Society of Cincinnati, for the use of a Room to hold their annual meeting in on the 4th of July next, was presented, and the Mayor's Court Room was assigned to them for that purpose.

A Remonstrance against the Continuance of the Hackney Stands in Broad Way was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial was received from John Hopper, stating that he had received an order from the Street Commissioner to remove certain materials from ground in front of Petitioner's house alleged to be the Street: that petitioner is satisfied said ground is the property of petitioner, [392] and not belonging to the Public, and praying a Committee may be appointed to investigate the same. Whereupon, the same was referred to the Committee on Laws and the Counsel.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Bulkhead and making South Street from Dover Street to the Easterly side of John Clark's property, which was read and the consideration postponed.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Orange Street from Hester to Grand Street, and for a Well and Pump in King Street, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in the former and Morris De Camp in the latter.

He also presented an Ordinance for paving Collect Street from Pearl Street to the northerly side of Franklin Street, which was passed, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Mary Green, reported:—That

"Permission was given to Mary Green to build a vault in front of Lot No. 17 Orange Street. The agent of [393] Mrs. Green, one of the persons named in the petition applied for "as much ground as the Law would allow him." The street being 40 feet wide, 16 feet, being $\frac{2}{5}$ths of the whole width, was accordingly allowed, and the calculation made on 16′ by 26 feet, and the money paid to the City Chamberlain. Some days after, one of the petitioners called at the Office and stated that he had paid for more ground than was wanted for the vault, and requested a return of the surplus money. The Street Commissioner did not feel himself authorised to do so, and recommended as the proper course an application to the Board.

"The Street Commissioner feels confident that no error has been committed by "An Officer of your honorable body," as stated by the petitioner, but the error if any has been wholly on the part of the Agent for Mrs. Green, in asking for and paying for more ground than was wanted.

"When the vault is built and the size ascertained, the Street Com-

missioner would recommend that a Warrant be issued for the difference."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) John M^cComb
St. Comm^r

which was approved.

[394] The Comptroller reported a Release for quit rent to Philetus Havens on a Water Lot granted to Charity Montagne, it having been commuted for by him:—which was directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:—which were passed—Viz.

Peter Jay	Own.	87 Greenwich St.	Lot.
C. Batch	Occ.		
Hen. Pope	Own.	32 Oak St	"
Mrs. F. Taylor	Les.		
E. Gardner	Occ.		
Mr. Burton	Own.	60 Gold St.	Privy.
W^m Corlies	Agt.		
John Carroll	Occ.		
Hen. Pope	Own.	32 Oak St.	"
Mrs. F. Taylor	Les.		
E. Gardner	Occ.		

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspect^r

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the Directors of the Institution for the relief of the Deaf and Dumb, presented a Report, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee on the Communication of John Sidell relative to [395] fees from Hack Licenses, reported:

"That they have made the necessary enquiry relative to the duties and compensation of the First Marshall, and in their opinion the compensation he receives is very moderate, when compared with the duty he performs: and when it is recollected also that one of the sources from which he drew a part of his income, and which he had good reason to calculate on, has been applied to another object by order of the Board, it is but reasonable, in the opinion of the Committee, that his request should be granted: they therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the first Marshall be authorised to retain, as a perquisite for his services, from the amount received for each Hackney

Coach License 25 cents, and in like manner. for each Hackney Coach Driver's License 25 cents."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly.

which was approved.

The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of R. M. Livingston, relative to a Well & Pump in Dominick St. reported:

"That they have carefully examined the Assessment for the said [396] Well & Pump, and are satisfied that the same has been fairly and impartially made and that the petitioner has no reasonable ground of complaint in respect to it. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Assessment for the Well and Pump in Dominick Street appears to be fair and equitable, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" E. W. King
" Thos. Bolton
" Jno. P. Anthony

which was approved.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward, to whom was referred the petition of James R. Mullany, presented a Report. which was read and referred back to the same Committee with the addition of Alderman Morss as a member. The last named Committee immediately reported:

"That they have enquired into the case of the petitioner, and find he has erected a Stairs in the street contrary to an Ordinance of this Board, and therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be direct- [397] ed to cause the same to be removed."

(signed) John Morss
" Leonard Kip

which was agreed to.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition for a Market in the Tenth Ward, reported:

"That the Committee have viewed that part of the City and its vicinity referred to by the petitioners, in order to ascertain whether

the public convenience required the accommodation requested, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted. A large proportion of the inhabitants of this section of the City are mechanics and labouring men, who reside from half a mile to one mile and a half from any of the markets now established: the inconvenience experienced by these citizens, whose time is of the utmost importance to them, may be easily conceived, particularly as the privilege heretofore permitted of selling meat at dwelling-houses in that part of the city has been peremptorily refused by the Board.

"The Committee are of opinion that where accommodations of the kind under consideration can be afforded at a moderate expence, they ought to be granted: and as the present one is of importance to the inhabitants of the upper parts of our City and will only cost about seven hundred [398] dollars, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

"Resolved—that a market house 40 feet by 20 be erected on the centre of Grand Street, between Ludlow and Essex Streets in the Tenth ward of this City.

"Resolved—that the Street Commissioner issue proposals and receive estimates in the usual way for the building of said Market, under the direction of the Committee on that subject and the Superintendant of Repairs."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" Jacob B. Taylor
" David Board
" Samuel Akerly.

which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of Edmund C. Genet, reported:

"That the Committee consider it unnecessary to consume the time of the Board by discussing the principles attempted to be established in said Communication. They beg leave to state, however, that the 42d Section of the Act for the assessment and collection of Taxes, if duly enforced by the assessors, will in a great measure, if not altogether, remedy the evil complain- [399] ed of by the said Genet. The subject, however, in the opinion of the Committee, more properly belongs to the supervisors of the County: they therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the annexed communication from E. C. Genet be referred to the Supervisors of the City and County of New York."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the Resolution relative to the High Constable's being allowed a Salary, reported:

"That they have maturely considered the subject, and altho' they are sensible of the merits of that officer they are nevertheless of opinion that it would be improper to grant him a yearly salary.

"The fees allowed the High Constable, it is presumed, are a sufficient compensation for the performance of his ordinary duty: and the Committee believe he has no reason to comp'ain of the liberality of the Corporation whenever his exertion has been required on extraordinary occasions. The object of the Committee is to stimulate the exertions, not only of the High Constable, but of every officer connected with our City Police by holding [400] out to them a prompt and ample recompence for their services on all occasions where any extraordinary exertions and vigilance have been used in detecting offenders against the laws. To effect this, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Police Committee be directed to report to this Board any extraordinary services performed by the High Constable and Marshalls, as often as it shall occur, and recommend what, in their opinion, is the amount of compensation proper to be allowed them for such services."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which Report was agreed to; and on motion the former Resolution passed on the subject was rescinded.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Joseph Hyde for Stall No. 19 Catharine Market reported in his favor and that a License should be granted to him for said Stall; which report was approved and a License directed to issue agreeably thereto.

The Canal Committee and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the [401] Report of the Canal Committee on the subject of a plan for regulating Canal and Collect Streets and also the Report made

thereon by the Street Commissioner, presented a Report. The Reports of the Canal Committee and of the Street Commissioner referred to in said Report were as follows:

I. "Report of the Canal Committee."

June 15. 1818.

"They have given the subject that deliberate consideration which its importance requires, and, after having examined and considered on the several plans and surveys in the Street Commissioner's Office, do recommend the adoption of the following outlines of a plan for regulating said streets: to wit—the water to pass on the surface of Collect Street to Canal Street, the gutter or kennel of Collect Street to be in the middle of the Street and to be formed with cut stone not less than six inches thick and of a suitable width, a common sewer to commence at the head of Canal Street at Collect Street and to be continued to the River.

"By the Surveys in the Street Commissioner's Office, it appears the kennel at the intersection of Collect and Pearl Streets is about 10 feet above high water mark, and the distance to the River is about 5600 feet: it is intended to give Collect Street, from Pearl street to Canal [402] Street, a distance of 1400 feet, a descent of 4 feet, which is 3½ inches on an 100 feet. The bottom or floor of the sewer, where it commences at the head of Canal Street, to be laid 3 feet 3 inches below the kennel of Collect Street from its head to Chapel Street, a distance of 1800 feet, to have a descent of 2½ inches on the 100 feet, which will bring the floor of the sewer at Chapel Street about 1 foot below high water mark from Chapel Street to the contemplated permanent line on the Hudson River, which is 2400 feet, to have a descent so that its floor at its discharge into the river will be 3½ feet below high water mark: the dimensions of the sewer will require to be at its head 8 feet wide and 6 feet high, at Broadway 10 feet wide and 7 feet high, which will conform to the present regulation of Broadway, at Chapel street to be 12 feet wide and 7 feet high, and at its discharge into the river 16 feet wide and as high as the nature of its situation there will possibly admit: the sides of the sewer to be built with large blue building stones, to be from 3 to 4 feet high and from 2 to 3 feet thick: the floor to be laid with flagging with a cut stone gutter in the centre: the [403] arch to be of brick 12 inches thick and to have openings of about 2½ feet square every 100 feet, for

the conveniency of cleaning. The foundation for about 1000 or 1200 feet will require to be timbered with square timber, laid cross ways the whole width of the sewer including the walls. The Committee have been induced to go thus far into detail, in order to estimate with some precision its probable expence: this they find by estimation will cost from 15 to 20 dollars per foot, say 17 dollars and 50 cents; which for the whole distance, which is 4200 feet, will come to 71,500 dollars, in addition to which a small sewer will be required on Chapel Street, of about 400 or 500 feet in length, and another on Thompson Street. of about the same length; these will cost about 6000 or 8000 dollars, so that the whole expence may be fairly estimated at 80,000 dollars, and which sum your Committee are well satisfied will be amply sufficient to complete the same.

"By this regulation Canal Street will be made one of the handsomest streets in the City, and it is our decided opinion that a lot of ground on it would be worth nearly double as much as if the water was carried above the surface thro' a deep kennel in the centre of the street: from which consideration we do think that the proprietors of the lots of ground [404] can well afford to pay a very large proportion if not all the expence, which would be about Two hundred and fifty dollars a lot."

(signed) John Morss
" Jac. B. Taylor
" A. L. Underhill
" Shivers Parker
" Eff. Schieffelin
" Sam[l] Akerly.

II. "Report of the Street Commissioner."

June 22. 1818.

"He has devoted all his spare time to the subject, and is of opinion that the plan as a general one will answer the purpose intended and is the best, taking all the circumstances of the case into view, that can be devised and which will give satsfaction to the public as well as to the proprietors of the adjacent property.

"It is now proposed to have a simple sewer: the size that is described will have a capacity, I presume, amply sufficient to carry off all the water that will have to pass through this sewage as quick as it may fall, making a large allowance for the worst contingent that may happen: and by keeping the sewer low a great advantage will result

to those in the vicinity, by being able to drain all the cellars in the [405] streets that border on the sewer.

"The Street Commissioner is of opinion that the sewer must be continued up Collect Street for about 450 feet or within 1000 feet of Pearl Street, which he presumes will be as far as the water of Collect Street can be conveyed on the surface as to keep the pavement of a convenient form for passengers and carriages to cross without bridges: at which point the sewer should commence, the size to be 6 feet by 5′, regularly increasing to Canal Street, where the dimensions will be 8 feet by 6′ as described by the Committee. He would also recommend that a Sluice Gate be fixed at the end next the river in order to retain the water to its full height, so as to scour the outsall at suitable times: and that grooves be worked in the walls at suitable distances for fixing Stop Gates, for the purpose of forming a scour thro' the sewer at the ebb of every spring tide, if it should be found by experience that the weight and velocity of the water does not keep the sewer clean.

"A number of things might be pointed out as requisite to be attended to at the commencement of this work; but as they relate chiefly to the execution he forbears to mention them at present, as the time allowed him has not permitted him to make out a [406] plan, or to go into a particular examination of the expence, but presumes it will not exceed that computed by the Committee.

"One thing he must beg leave to suggest as to the execution of the work, that it ought to be of the best, both as to work and materials; that it ought to be placed under the particular care and direction of a competent workman, as the success of this undertaking is of too great consequence to be trusted to job work, and as it will require much more care and attention than can be expected if done by contract.

"He can see no objection to putting this work into immediate execution, the improvements at each end of the line call loudly for its completion, and the work at both ends may be going on at the same time."

(signed) J. McComb.
St. Commr

on which Reports the above named Committee composed of the Canal Committee and Street Commissioner, reported:

"That they have attentively considered the said reports, and are

of opinion that the plan therein recommended is the best under all the circumstances of the case that can be devised. The Committee do [407] therefore recommend that the same be adopted, and for which purpose they beg leave to submit the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that Collect Street be so regulated as to carry the water on the surface from Pearl Street to within 450 feet of Canal Street, with a descent of 4 inches on the 100 feet: that 450 feet of Collect Street and the whole line of Canal Street be regulated with a common sewer: that the floor of the sewer at its head on Collect Street be laid 3 feet 6 inches below the kennel of the Street at that point and to have a descent from its head to Chapel Street of 2½ inches on the 100 feet, or so that its floor at Chapel Street will be 1 foot below high water-mark, from Chapel Street to the Hudson River to have a descent so that its floor on the River will be 3 feet 6 inches below high water mark: that the dimensions of the sewer at its head on Collect Street be 6 feet wide and 5 feet high: at Canal 8 feet wide and 6 feet high; at Broadway 10 feet wide and 7 feet high; at Chapel Street 12 feet wide and 7 feet high, and on the River to be 16 feet wide and as high as the situation will possibly admit. That a sewer be made in Chapel Street from Canal street to the centre of the Block between [408] Lispenard and Walker Streets; to be 5 feet wide and 4 feet high at its head and 6 feet wide and 6 feet high at its junction with the sewer on Canal Street; its floor to have a descent of 2½ inches on the 100 feet. That a sewer be made in Thompson Street from Canal to the centre of the block between Grand and Broome Streets, to be of the same dimensions and to have the like descent as the sewer on Chapel Street."

(signed) John Morss
" Jac. B. Taylor
" A. L. Underhill
" Shivers Parker.
" Jno. M^cComb

St. Com^r

upon the question of agreeing to the latter report, it was carried in the Affirmative.

A Resolution directing a reservation of parts of the waters of the North and East Rivers for public Basins was presented and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Mr. Allen presented the following:

"Resolved. that it be referred to the Street Committee and Street

Commissioner to enquire and report [409] on the expediency of regulating and laying the Curb Stone of Grand Street from the Bowery to the East River."

which was agreed to.

A Resolution proposing to reduce the number of the Road Committee to three was presented and negatived.

Resolved that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be requested to purchase an Eight-day Clock to be placed in his Honor the Mayor's Office.

Alderman King presented a Law entitled "A Law to prevent the firing of Guns and discharging of Rockets, Squibs, Crackers and other Fire-works," which was read by paragraphs and passed—and the Law entitled a "Law to prevent the firing of Guns," passed 5th May 1817, being the 46th Chapter of Revised Laws, was repealed.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 22d	$390.74	
Recd for Rents	2884.26	
" " Tax 1817. 5 & 8 wards	1558. 3	
" " Streets	3200.	
" " Intestate Estates	1032.73	
" Loan of Mechanic's Bank	8000.	17,065.76

[410] Accounts Audited.

Hannah Courtney, rec. ground—slip bet. Catharine Slip & Oliver St. pd 26 ins	1852.50
Jno. G. Coster do do	1852.50
Anderson & Walton, Watch 1st dist	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd, do 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower, " 3d "	413.
Wm J. Waldron, Ast City Inspr 1 mo. 1 July	52.
Obadh Ayres, do do do	52.
Saml Hutchings, St. Inspr " "	52.
Jonath. Weeden do " "	52.
Astin & Cochrane, Messengers " "	60.
Steph. McCormick, Park Keeper " "	45.
B. Skaats, purchase fuel for City Hall	800.
Ald. Munson, 47 Casks oil, bot. of M. Crosby	1771.43
Ald. Munson, 1 bbl. Spirits bot. of J. West	30.12
Geo. Snethen, supg & lights lamps, 1 mo. 1 July	696.10
J. McComb, S. C. pays filling basin, Charlton St	1000.
Thos. Barnum, supg Piers, 24 days 28 inst	48.
Pet. Debaum, acct. regs Hudson St	1000.
Amos Corning, Surveys, profiles, & Maps to 1 May 1818	894.53
John Stanley, acct. Bond St	200.00

Chs. Mooney, acct. pavg Franklin St	200.00	
Thos. Scott, bal. pavg Lombardy St	85.13	
Jas. Pinkerton, pavg Intersections	79.55	
Corns Clark, repg do	4.68	
Jac. P. Roome, Sup. Reprs. payg Masons' work at Engine house—Greenwich	260.	
Rich. Furman, Supt Alms' House	3700.	17,001.29
	Balance	$=64.47

Adjourned to this day fortnight 5 o'clock.

VOLUME THIRTY-SIX

OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

July 4, 1818 to December 21, 1818

[1] In Common Council July 4. 1818.
Steam Boat Connecticut, N. Y. Harbour.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
Geo. B. Thorp	David Board
	Stephen Allen.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had received a general order issued by the Governor and Comander in Chief, directing Funeral honors to be paid to the Remains of the late Major General Richard Montgomery, which in pursuance of a Law of the State of New York had been removed from the City of Quebec and were to be deposited in St. Paul's Church in this City near the Monument [2] erected to his Memory by the Congress of the United States and also communicating the Order of the Society of Cincinnati to whom the direction of said Funeral Solemnities were committed. Whereupon it was Resolved that a Committee be appointed, with authority to carry into effect the directions of the Executive on said subject and also all regulations that may be directed by the Society of the Cincinnati on said subject. The Committee appointed were The Recorder. Alderman Munson Van Amringe King Mr. Westervelt.

Adjourned.

[3] In Common Council July 13. 1818

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Samuel Akerly
Robert McQueen	David Board
Geo. Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Jacob B. Taylor	
Geo. B. Taylor	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved.

A Petition of John Brower for appointment of Weigh Master, and a further petition of John Lace to be appointed an Inspector of Bread, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

[4] A Petition of John Simonson for a Stall in the new Market about to be erected in Grand Street, a similar one from William Vandenbergh, and a similar one from James Vandenbergh, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from William Butler, stating that a complaint had been made against him of not having his weights of the Standard prescribed by Law, and praying the subject may be enquired into, and a similar petition from Gardner G. Howland—were read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Christopher Heiser was received, stating that in June 1817 he purchased at auction from the Corporation a small piece of ground at the corner of Hudson and Read Streets with an intention of purchasing the adjoining ground but that the same went for a larger sum than he was willing to give: that he lately applied for permission to construct a vault in front of his lot, which was [5] denied to him: he therefore requested the Corporation would repay to him the sum paid by him and his expences on reconveying to them the ground. Upon reading whereof it was resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Edward S. Cory, stating that he is master of the Schooner Lord Wellington: that he has been sued by the Attorney of the Corporation for the sum of Ten thousand dollars for landing passengers at Norwalk in Connecticut; that he brought said passengers in

said vessel by order of his owners from St. John's and landed them by like order at Norwalk, not knowing it was contrary to Law, and praying to be permitted now to report said passengers and give bond for them or pay the Commutation allowed by the Resolution of the Common Council, was read and leave given Petitioner to withdraw his petition

Petitions of William and Gerardus Post for permission to construct vaults opposite [6] Nos. 57 and 59 Fulton Street, and a similar one from Stephen Gorham for a Vault in Warren Street, were granted upon the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition fom Owners of property in the neighbourhood of Roosevelt Street, remonstrating against extending South Street, from Dover Street to John Clark's property as proposed by the Report of a Committee on that subject, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves and the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward.

A Petition of Hugh Maxwell, stating that through mistake the Stoop of his house in Hester Street extends farther than is authorised by Law and praying to be exempted from the penalty incurred, which being received was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Charles McCarty praying that for sundry reasons the sum assessed upon the [7] property he holds under Lease from the Corporation for improving Roosevelt Street may be remitted, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition that Vestry Street may be regulated and the Carriage Way paved from Hudson Street to Washington Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants and owners in the vicinity of Market Street, praying said street may be widened to sixty feet was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Provoost Street, praying the Side-Walks may be regulated and paved, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Simeon Freeland to be employed as a Lamp-lighter was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

[8] A Petition of Stephen S. Clay to be appointed one of the City Weighers, was read and referred to the Special Committee on Weigh-masters.

A Petition of Benjamin Birdsall for further allowance on his

Contract to furnish Iron Railing in front of the City Hall, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A further petition of James R. Mullany on the subject of Stairs erected by him in Warren Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed: Viz—for regulating Grand Street from Forsyth to Suffolk Street; for regulating and paving Ludlow Street from Delancey to Rivington Street—in which Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors: for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street between Scammel and Walnut Streets—in which [9] Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors; and for paving Broadway from Bleecker to Art Streets, in which John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Water Street from Clinton to Corlaer's Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents for Assessments for a Well and Pump in Laurens Street, for a Well and Pump in Jay Street, and for paving Orange Street. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

He also presented a Return of property on which sundry Assessments had been laid, and which remained unpaid; and he recommended that the said property be advertised and sold agreeably to the law in that case made and provided—which was approved, and he was directed to sell [10] the same, previously advertising.

The Street Commissioner presented the following report, respecting property sold for Assessments, which was approved and the publication directed to be made as in said Report mentioned: which report was: "That on the 6th of March 1817 a considerable deal of property was sold for the payment of sundry Assessments, and the certificates thereof given agreeably to the Law passed on April 12th 1816, by which it is also enacted that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York shall, at least six months before the expiration of two years after any such sale, cause an advertisement to be published, at least once in each week, for four weeks successively, in the news-paper printed by the printer to this state, and in one of the public newspapers printed in this City, in such form as they shall deem best calculated to give notice of such sale; and that unless the lands sold be redeemed by a certain day they would be [11] conveyed

to the purchaser; and if the person claiming title to the said lands and tenements, or some one on his or her part, shall not within two years from the date of the Certificate pay to the Street Commissioner of the City of New York, for the use of the purchaser, his executors, administrators or assigns, the sum mentioned in such certificate, together with the interest thereof at the rate of 20 per cent per annum, from the date of such certificate, The Mayor, Alderman and Commonalty shall, at the expiration of the said two years, execute to the purchaser, his executor, administrator or assigns a Lease, under the Common Seal of the said City, of the land and tenements so sold, for such term of years as the same shall have been sold, and such lease shall be conclusive evidence that the sale was regular &c.

"The Street Commissioner would therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of a notice being prepared under the directions of the Counsel for that purpose."

(signed) J. McComb S. C.

[12] The Attorney of the Board, on the Petition of William Niblo, reported:

"That the alterations or additions, alluded to by the petitioner in his petition, consist of a Two-Story building intended for a dwelling-house adjoining the one occupied by him on the corner of William and Pine Streets. The building of the said house was commenced by erecting a wooden frame, usual in the erection of wooden buildings; that after it had been erected and under cover a complaint was made at the Office of the Attorney against the same by persons owning real property in the neighbourhood: that some time thereafter a suit was commenced on said complaint: that after the commencement of said suit several material alterations were made in the mode of completing. said building—one of the sides instead of being slated was filled in or run up with bricks in such a manner as to give satisfaction in a great measure to persons who felt themselves interested. The walls [13] generally, altho' not composed of bricks or stone as directed by the act for the more effectual prevention of fires, are made to consist of brick and the wood posts which are a part of the frame of the building. He has caused the house to be examined since it has been finished, and it having been done in a manner to exhibit the appearance and in a great measure to have the effect of a fire-proof building. He would respectfully suggest the propriety of recommending to the Chamberlain of the City a discontinuance of the suit and a remission of penalties upon payment of costs."

(sign'd) A. Sherman

which was agreed to.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of the First Ward."

Joseph Curtis, Iron-monger, 90 Maiden L. 1 ward, vice Israel Haviland, Resigned.

[14] "Hook & Ladder Company, No. 1."

Will. Smith, Mercht. 7 Old Slip, 1 ward, vice W^m^ Merrill, deceased.

"Fire Engine Company No. 7."

Dav. G. Mulford, Carpenter, 2 Crane Whf, 2 ward, vice Jno. H. Oldershaw, Resigned.

Jas. Corse, Currier, 56 Frankfort, 4 ward, vice Eleazar Lundy, deceased.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 18."

Barney Corse, Tanner, 7 Vandewater, 4 ward, vice Jonathan W. Kellogg, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 21."

W^m^ Wright, Tanner, 74 Gold St. 2 ward, vice Nathan Crowell, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 36."

Jno. Christie, Carpenter, Sullivan n. Grand, 8 ward, vice Levi Shute, Removed.

James Thorp, Carter, Vandam n. Varick, 8 ward vice Fred. Glashan, Removed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nuisances, to wit:

Caleb Crane	Own.	Anthony St.	Lot
Jno. Beekman	Own.	Pike	"
Timo. Hedges	Own.	"	"
Henry Rutgers	Own.	"	"
[15] Henry Rutgers	Own.	Pike St.	Lot
Mrs. Lewis	Own	382 Water St.	Privy
J. Dougherty	Occ.		
Thos. Kiles & S. Howard,	Own.	37 Anthony	do
Steph. Hoyt	Agt.		
Jno. Linn	Occ.		

(signed) G. Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Colonel James B. Murray, reported:

"That, from the information given them by Colonel Murray, they have reason to believe the facts assumed in their former report were incorrect. The Committee are not clear in the opinion, however, that the precedent already established of furnishing Colours to the uniform Militia at the expence of this City is a proper one: but as it has been so far acted on that every regiment of Artillery; except the Applicants, has been presented with them by the Corporation, they think it would appear too marked to make a particular exception of that commanded [16] by Colonel Murray, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that a Colour, with suitable emblems and devices be prepared at the expence of the Corporation, and under the direction of this Committee, to be presented in such manner as the Board shall hereafter direct to the Regiment of Artillery under the command of Colonel James B. Murray."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Sam[l] Akerly
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier.

which was approved.

The Street Committee, on the petition for regulating &c. Grand St. reported:

"That they have seen, examined and duly considered the subject, and are of opinion that public good and individual convenience require that the Street should be regulated, the Curb Stone set and sidewalks gravel- [17] led from Forsyth Street to Suffolk Street, and therefore recommend that an Ordinance to that effect be prepared & passed.

(signed) Jac. B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" John Morss
" Sam[l] Akerly
" Jno. M[c]Comb.)
St. Com[r])

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed.

The Street Committee, on the petition for reducing the breadth of the Sixth Avenue, reported:

"That they having duly considered the subject of the petitioners

are of an opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Saml Akerly
" Leonard Kip
St. Committee

which Report was approved.

[18] The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Ludlow Street, reported:

" That they are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, inasmuch as they are the owners of the property to be benefitted and assessed, and therefore recommend that an Ordinance be passed and the object of the petition carried into effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" John Morss
" Saml Akerly

which was approved and an Ordinance agreeably thereto passed.

The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Lawrence Street, reported:

" That they, having duly considered the subject of the petition, recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to report Ordinances accordingly."

(signed) Jac. B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" John Morss
" Saml Akerly

Approved.

[19] The same Committee, on the petition for laying the Carriage Way in Hammond Street, reported:

" That they, having duly considered the subject of the petition, recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted and that the Street Commissioner be directed to report ordinances accordingly."

(signed) Jac. B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Saml Akerly
" John Morss.

which was approved.

The Canal Committee, on the subject of Three several memorials from owners and Inhabitants in the vicinity of Canal Street praying for an immediate execution of the intended regulation of that street, reported:

"That the regulation lately adopted ought to be carried into immediate effect. They are fully persuaded that if these streets had been regulated two or three years ago the greater part of the ground in their vicinity now vacant [20] would have been covered with buildings: the Committee can see no good reason whatsoever for postponing it: on the contrary they believe that the health and interests of the City require it and those of the neighbourhood particularly demand it. The state of the finances of the Board may be considered an objection against giving immediately into the measure, but this obstacle may be easily surmounted and the regulation carried into effect without taking one dollar from the Treasury. The Committee do therefore respectfully submit the following system for carrying the said regulations into effect—towit: "That the work and materials of the sewers be done by contract, to be divided into two or more sections, and separate proposals be received for each section: that the contracts describe in the most particular manner the quality of the materials to be used and the manner in which the work is to be done: that it be done subject to the inspection and control of a person to be appointed by [21] the Corporation; and, if required by the Corporation, the work in each section to be commenced at 2 or more points at the same time: the Contractors to be paid by instalments as the work progresses, say 25 per cent when ¼ of the work is done, 25 per cent more when ½ is done, and 25 per cent when ¾ done, and the remaining 25 per cent when the whole is completed: to meet these payments, so soon as the expence can be ascertained, which will be when the contracts are entered into, Assessors to be appointed to assess the same according to law; which assessment to be collected by instalments to meet the several payments: and that the Street Commissioner under the direction of the Canal Committee take the necessary measures to carry the same into immediate effect."

Respectfully submitted

(signed) John Morss
" A. L. Underhill
" Jac. B. Taylor
Canal Com.

which being read was agreed to.

[22] The Report of the Special Committee on the petition of the Trustees of the Institution for the Relief of the Deaf and Dumb was called up and being read the blanks therein were filled up and the Report agreed to as in the words following: Viz.

"They have given the subject all the attention which their time and capacity for investigating its merits would admit, and have no hesitation in saying that, if properly patronized the Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb will become one of the most beneficial and useful establishments in this City.

"For the purpose of ascertaining the practicability and method of instructing these interesting objects, the Committee visited the School in company with some of the Directors and were highly gratified at the progress of the scholars as well as the emulation excited in them by their teacher to excel each other in their studies. Judging from this exhibition of the talents dis- [23] played by the Deaf and Dumb, the Committee are satisfied that they may not only be taught the rudiments of education but, with attention and perseverance attain a knowledge of many of the higher branches of study.

"The Committee are unable to express the feelings of humanity and commiseration excited in them on viewing the wretched condition of these sons and daughters of ignorance, and feel themselves bound by every consideration of propriety to recommend their case to the humane consideration of the Board as one of peculiar interest, both as it respects the objects themselves as well as the public at large.

"The Institution was incorporated by Act of Legislature on the 17th of April 1817 and has been in operation only 5 weeks. The school consists of 11 scholars, 3 females and 8 males, who are taught reading, writing and the art of conversing by signs, and an attempt with some success, has been made to instruct them to articulate words and short sentences

[24] "Only two of the scholars pay for their education: the friends and relations of the others being poor and unable to pay, they are taught gratis. The price of a quarter's schooling is fixed by the Directors, for those who are able to pay, at Ten dollars, including the necessary stationary, Slates &c.

"The annual expence of the present establishment, altho' very limited in the numbers, cannot be estimated at less than 2500 dollars, for the payment of which the Directors have no other resource except the voluntary donations of the charitable and benevolent. Frequent applications are made for admission in the school by those whose circumstances will not permit them to pay the expence of tuition;

but the finances of the Institution are at so low an ebb, that it is impossible to admit more than the present number, and even they will be found too many, unless something is done to foster and protect them until efficient aid can be obtained.

[25] "It has been ascertained that more than Sixty of these unfortunate beings are now residents in this City, the greater part of whom, if left in their present ignorance, must sooner or later become chargeable on the public for their support. Under this consideration is it not the interest of the Corporation to foster and encourage this Institution, inasmuch as it will not only serve the cause of humanity but eventually prevent an increase of paupers and an addition to the expenditure for their support.

"The Committee have no reason to doubt that a disposition exists in the Board to assist, as far as propriety will warrant, so laudable an undertaking as the one under consideration: they therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

"Resolved—that the Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb be permitted to occupy, during the pleasure of this Board, a room in the Third Story of that part of the Old Alms' House reserved for the use [26] of the Corporation, provided it is used for no other purpose except for the instruction of the scholars.

"Resolved—that the Directors of said Institution be authorised to receive in their school Ten Deaf and Dumb persons at the expence of the Corporation, provided such persons are in needy circumstances and unable to pay the expence of their instruction, and are inhabitants of this City, and, that the expence of each scholar shall not exceed Forty dollars a year.

"Resolved—that a donation of Five hundred dollars be made to said Institution to aid them in carrying into effect this laudable undertaking, and that a Warrant now pass for said amount.

"Resolved that the Committee on this subject be charged with the execution of the foregoing Resolution."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" John Morss
" W. F. Van Amringe
Special Com.

[27] A Resolution was presented, directing the Street Commissioner to cause the Hulk of an old Sloop sunken in Grand Street Slip to be removed, and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Alderman Mesier presented the following:—

"Resolved—that notice be given to the Lessee of the Flag-Staff that he be hereby directed to take down forthwith the Boarding on the South side of the lower Story of the Flag-Staff, and that unless he immediately execute his covenant in relation to taking care of the Battery Walks, Trees and Bowling Green or provide some person to attend to this duty the Corporation will proceed as the terms of the Lease in this respect authorize them."

which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places to act thereon as they should judge expedient.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution, directing the Street Commissioner to inform the [28] *the* Contractors for filling up Rutgers' Slip that unless they proceed forthwith to fill up the same their Contract will be considered as void. Whereupon it was resolved that the Attorney be instructed to prosecute said Contractors for breach of their contract.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury June 29	64.47	
Recd for Wells and Pumps	7.50	
" " Intestate Estates	254.66	
" " Tavern Licenses	421.50	
" " Rents	2526.31	
" " Police Office	65.75	
" " Wells and Pumps	189.60	
" " Streets	3213.	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Mayoralty fees	214.45	
" " Commut. Alien passeng	130.	7587.24

Accounts Audited.

Mechanics' Bank, ground for Slip between Catharine Slip & Oliver St	434.51
Anderson & Walton, Watch 1st dist	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd " 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "	413.
[29] Dan. H. Magee, Kr Potter's Fd 1 mo. 1 inst	45.
J. Sidell, 15 Peace Offrs at C. Hall, 4 ins	22.50
Jas. G. Kent, Watch, Witness Court, 6 March	4.
Abm. Stagg, fill Collect ground—Corporation	129.84
Rob. Pettigrew—1st instal. Well—Rivington St	89.25
Jno. Gallagher, bal. Well—King St	39.37
Hill & Ayres—fills Dey St. Basin	1000.00
Rob. Latimer—extra Stone Walls—3d Avenue at Harlaem Marsh	815.25
Rob. Latimer, bal. due J. Skinner making road 3d Avenue	373.

Rich. Kissam, bal. awd opens Provost St	424.07	
Jas. Meghan, pavg Greenwich St	400.00	
Hugh Smith, bal. pavg Orange St. from Bayard to Pump St.	254.36	
Jno. Stanley, reg. Bond St	200.	
Ter. Tiffany, reg. Sheriff St	100.	
Ter. Tiffany, reg. Willet St	100.	
Jno. Sloan—reg. Houston St	100.	
Jas. Pinkerton—pav. Intersections	38.82	
Pet. Bonnet—Int. Bond—6 mo. to 3d ins	113.79	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. Rep. for Repairs	500.	
Jac. P. Roome—for Lamp Departt	100.	7497.51
Balance		$=89.73

Adjourned to this day fortnight 5 o'clock.

[30] In Common Council July 27. 1818

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Effm Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calender of persons confined in the City Prison and Bridewell on the 20th July inst. accompanied with the following observations:— (see page 31)

[31] "The Court of Sessions adjourned on the 18th inst. after having delivered the City Prison by sentences, acquittals and discharges of 66 prisoners. It appears that there were in the Bridewell on the Monday following 94 persons, 52 whites and 42 blacks. Of the 94 twenty five are convicts, all but one of whom are sentenced by the Magistrates of the Police Office as Vagrants, generally for the term of 60 days. Fourteen are committed by the same magistrates until they shall find security for their good behaviour, and 6 are committed as disorderly, that is, as appears by the warrants of commitment, they are to be confined until they shall be delivered by due course of law.

"Thirty seven are committed to answer on charges of crimes or misdemeanours: Viz—14 for assault and battery, 1 for arson, 3 for disorderly houses, 11 for larceny, 5 for forgery and counterfeiting or passing counterfeit money, 1 for administering poison, and 2 for prison breaking. One is committed for examination and 3 are [32] paupers about the house.

"One black woman, it appears, has been detained in the Bridewell since the 21st of April last, as being a slave run from New Orleans.

"The Mayor begs leave to call the attention of the Board particularly to this case, and to submit whether it be agreeable to them that the public prison should be rendered subservient to the authority of slave holders.

"Our laws permit a master under certain circumstances to hold a fellow creature in slavery, but it is believed that they do not authorise the commitment of a slave to a public prison to be held there during the pleasure of the master.

"The cases of the 7 persons who are represented in the within calender to be delirious or deranged appear also to deserve particular attention.

"No place can be more unfit for such unfortunate persons than the City prison. The Commissioners of the Alms house have expressed their willing- [33] ness to receive them in the Institution under their care, but, notwithstanding the great sums which have been expended on the buildings at Bellevue and their great extent, the Commissioners represent that they have no room for these patients: And indeed the portion of the penitentiary which is appropriated for persons of this description is so limited that they can receive but a few: and even these few can have none of the accommodations which common humanity requires should be provided for those afflicted with this calamity.

"There are only 6 cells of about 10 feet by 12 appropriated to male lunatics. In these there are now 19 persons. The cells are extremely confined and are in a part of the penitentiary that exposes the occupants to the smell and bad air which necessarily arise from the receptacles of the filth of other parts of the buildings. It is very certain that there is no convict who is not more comfortably provided for than those persons whose calamity is the only [34] cause of their confinement.

"The Mayor begs leave also to present for the consideration of the Board the situation of those young persons who are sentenced to confinement in the Penitentiary. There are now there 11 boys

under eighteen: several are under fourteen. They are shut up in cells with other convicts. It must be obvious that under such circumstances it would be in vain to expect that their punishment will improve their morals: It can hardly fail to have a contrary effect. It is presumed that some system might be adopted which would separate the aged and the young, and at the same time afford the latter employment and instruction. This might extend to both sexes and be a means of benefitting and perhaps of reclaiming many young females, a great number of whom are at all times confined within the walls of the Penitentiary.

"It is proper to notice that 6 of the prisoners mentioned in the within [35] Calender are sick. The diseases are Syphilis, Phthisis, and Fever."

All which is respectfully submitted.

which being read, that part relating to commitments was referred to the Committee on Laws and that on the subject of Maniacs and the Penitentiary generally to the following Committee. Viz. Aldermen King Munson Mr. Westervelt.

A Committee from the Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb consisting of Dr. Samuel L. Mitchell and John B. Scott Esqr. attended the Common Council and presented the following Resolution of the Society:—

"Resolved unanimously—that the thanks of this Board be returned to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City for their liberality and munificence in furthering the efforts making to rescue a valuable portion of our fellow-creatures from ignorance and vice.

[36] "Ordered—that the President and Secretary be a Committee to convey the sense of this Board in the most respectable manner to the Common Council."

Extract from the minutes.

(signed) John B. Scott, Secretary.

A Letter was received from E. C. Genet Esqr. accompanied with printed copies of his former communication to the Board for the use of the members and particularly those composing the Board of Supervisors, which letter was directed to be filed.

A Petition of the Managers of the Medical Science Lottery praying to be accommodated with a Room in the Hall for the purpose of drawing said Lottery, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Report was received from the United German Lutheran Church

of the [37] application of the School Money of said Congregation, which was directed to be filed.

A Complaint from John J. Sickles and David Banks of the Conduct of James Anderson Captain of the City Watch in improperly confining them, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the Intersection of the Bowery and the Third Avenue, and a Remonstrance against granting the prayer of the same, were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward to report.

A Complaint against the offensive and dangerous situation of the Cellars under Duane Market was read and referred to the Chief Engineer and the Fire Wardens of the Fifth Ward.

A Complaint of Alexander Canniff against Smith Wood Inspector for refusing to give such measurement in a [38] Load of Wood as the Law allows, accompanied by a Certificate of Jacob Aiker a Wood-Inspector that said Load was deficient, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Melatiah Nash that the Collection of an Assessment on Lots Nos. 329 and 331 Broadway, the Lease of which is owned by him may be delayed, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jacob Hyatt, stating that he had opened a marble Quarry on his land at King's Bridge, and praying a grant of the Water right of the Corporation near Spuyten devil Creek for the purpose of constructing a Dock at that place, was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of G. Vintroux Hersan, stating that in April 1817 he purchased at auction the Lease of Lot No. 162 Com- [39] mon Lands: that he finds the same in the occupancy of a person who has held it upwards of 28 years: that he was also deceived in the conditions of sale, and praying relief, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A petition of John G. Warren, stating that in constructing an Area in front of his premises No. 46 Wall Street he had made the same larger than allowed by the Law, tho' no larger than that of his adjoining neighbour, and praying he may be permitted to continue the same, was read and referred to the Street Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of John Low, for a Water grant opposite his land on Hudson River between 61st and 63d Streets, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of John De Clew, for remission of fine incurred for

selling liquor at the Flag-Staff without license, was read. On motion to grant the prayer of petitioner, and a Division being called thereon, it passed [40] in the Negative as follows:—

Neg. Ald. Mesier, King, Underhill, Van Amringe, Morss, McQueen Messrs. Bolton, Stevens, Anthony, Westervelt.

Aff. Ald: Buckmaster, Taylor, Thorp, Munson Mes. Parker, Akerly, Schieffelin.

It was then on motion referred to the Committee on Public Lands to report a statement of facts.

A Memorial from sundry Manufacturers of Scales, Weights and Measures. complaining of the conduct of the Sealer of Weights and measures and praying that a Committee be appointed to investigate their charges, was read and referred to the Committee on Weighmasters.

A Petition of Staats Dawson for Stall No. 33 Fly Market, of Daniel S. Hyde for Stall No. 2 Gouverneur Market, of John Scott, Russel Wheeler and Stephen Doane for Stalls in the Market about to be erected in Grand Street, of Isaac Valentine Jr. for a Stall in Gouverneur Market, and of Nathaniel Moore and [41] Isaac Valentine stating that they held Stalls Nos. 1 and 2 in said Market and praying to be continued in the same—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas Campbell to be continued as a Measurer was read. Whereupon Resolved that the Clerk file his application and that it have the same effect as if made previous to the 15th instant agreeably to the Resolve of the Common Council.

A further petition of Edward S. Cory to be permitted to report and give Bond for alien passengers brought by him in the Schooner Duke of Wellington from Halifax and landed at Norwalk, was read and referred to the Attorney with authority, on Petitioners giving sufficient bonds or paying the Commutation allowed by the Resolution of the Common Council and upon paying all costs, to discontinue the Suit against him.

A Petition from Cornelius Harsin, stating [42] that in July 1815 he received from the Corporation for a Water Lot 29 feet on Washington Street and 218 feet 8 inches on Charlton Street: that he was directed to make a Bulkhead and a Return Bulkhead on the Premises, which has been complied with: that he has lately received an order to complete the said Lot, with which on account of funds he is unable to comply; and praying the Corporation to receive from him a reconveyance of the same and pay him the sum he has expended thereon:

which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Samuel Ennalls to be permitted to remove on Trucks a Frame Building from the foot of Roosevelt Street to Franklin Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th ward and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

[43] A Petition on behalf of Stephen Whitney for a Vault in front of his House in White Hall Street, and on behalf of William King for Vaults in front of 4 houses in Grand Street at the corner of Mercer Street were read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Walker, Beach and Chapel Streets and for a Well and Pump at the corner of Varick and Van Dam Streets were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Representation from Higgins and Park on the subject of their Contract for filling in Rutgers' Slip was received and leave given them to withdraw the same.

A Recommendation in favor of Moses G. Dean to be appointed Inspector of Firewood, a petition of Patrick Baron [44] to be continued as a City Weigher, one of Andrew Blakely, of John G. Betts and of John Dusenberry to be appointed City Weighers—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John Mannel for remission of fine under the Street Law for selling Manure was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of Deborah Post for herself and the Heirs of John Post deceased, praying a Water grant on East River opposite a Lot situated between the Lots of Cornelius Ray and Abraham Leggett and to extend from Water Street to South Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Petition of Benjamin Clark, stating that for Ten years past he has been from bodily infirmity unable to perform military duty: that he has not to his knowledge during that time [45] been called upon to perform it, tho' had he been so called he feels it his duty to state he should from conscientious scruples have refused performing it: that he has lately been called upon to pay his fine or exempt Tax and praying relief, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition was received from a number of Builders in the City,

stating that they are under the necessity of using considerable quantities of Lime: that a Combination has been lately entered into among the persons supplying Lime so as that only a small number of vessels shall discharge Lime at the same time and that no other vessel shall discharge until those are fully unloaded, by which the purchasers are imposed upon and frequently compelled to take Lime of very inferior quality, and praying the interference of the Common Council. Whereupon the same was referred to Aldermen Taylor Underhill Mr. Parker

[46] A Petition of William Blair, proposing to lease from the Corporation certain Lots at Hamilton Square, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Davis Hunt, stating that he has been prosecuted for dealing as a Pawnbroker without having a License for the same: that the business he carries on does not in his opinion come within the Purvieu of the Ordinance on that subject, and praying the suit against him may be discontinued, was read and referred to the Attorney to report the facts of the case and in the mean time all proceedings to stay.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants in the vicinity of Spring Street Basin, stating that the ordinance relative to said Basin is incomplete as the Pier on the South side extends 100 feet less into the River than on the North and does not afford a sufficient shelter for Boats, and pray- [47] ing the Pier on the South side may be directed to be run out as far as that on the North Side, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies: Viz

"Fire Wardens of the Eighth Ward."

Nich. Schureman, Carpenter, Bowery n. Art, 8 ward, vice William Palmer, Resigned.

Mat. Schultz, Carter, Amos St. 8 ward, vice Abm. Labagh, Expelled.

No. 22. Rich. Williams, Shipwright, Jefferson c. Harman, 7 ward. } v. Mat. Anderson, Resigned.

No. 31. Egbert Post, Carpenter Crosby n. Broome, 8 ward } v. Thos. Platt, Resigned.

No. 35. Rob. Lattemore, Road Mr Harlaem, 9 ward } v. Eph. Pardee, Rem.

No. 37. W^m Gilmore, Blacksmith, Elizabeth n. Hester, 10 ward } v. Thos. Willett, Resigned.
Isaac Vians, Blacksmith, Elizabeth n. Hester, 10 ward } v. Ezra Healy, Res.

[48] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:—Viz.

1.	Mrs. Ann Warner, to J. Warner dec^d	Exec. Own.	20	Vandewater		Lot
2.	W^m Dixon	Occ.		Mill St.		"
3.	Jno. Targay, Mary Barr	Own. or Agt. Occ.	7	Spring St.		"
4.	Mrs. Hopper Benj. Crane	Own. Occ.	85	Cherry		"
5.	S. Montgomery J. Montgomery	Own. Occ.	472	Greenwich		"
6.	Abm. Furman,	Own. & Occ.	28	Fletcher		"
7.	Jno. Shepherd	Own.	Canal, Vestry, Thompson & Laurens			"
8	Concklin Brush	Own.	8	Peck Slip		"
9.	D. S. & J. Brown	Own.		do.		"
10.	Jno. F. Gould	Own.		Fulton		"
11.	Jno. R. Livingston Nancy Brown	Own. Occ.	39	Thomas		"
12.	Geo. Fox	Own.	304	Pearl		"
13.	Rev. Mr. Jarvis	Own.	306	do		"
14.	A. & W. Kevan	Own.	310	do		"
15.	Jas. Bird	Own.	308	do		"
16.	Sam. E. Shotwell	Own.	244	Water		"
17.	John Cooley	Own.	246	do		"
	[49] Will. Shatzel	Own.	248	Water		Lot
	Dan. Ritter	Own.	250	do.		"
20.	Geo. Janeway	Own.	Water & Gouverneur			"
21.	Geo. Janeway	do.	do	do		Privy.
22.	Ezra Ludlow H. Megary & others	Les. Occ.	20	Wall St.		"
23.	Abm. Van Buskirk A. Burr	Own. Occ.	61	Vesey		"
24.	Abm. Van Buskirk J. P. Stagg	Own. Occ.	195	Greenwich		"
25.	S. Montgomery J. Montgomery	Own. Occ.	472	do		"

26.	Jno. Hopper,	Les. & Occ.	Spring St.		Privy.
27.	Jno. Targay,	Own. or Agt.	7	do	"
	Mary Barr	Occ.			
28.	Sam Jones Jr.	Own.	59	William	"
	Rob. Williams	Agt. & Occ.			
29.	Mrs. Nicholson	Own.	82	William	"
	Wm Few	Agt.			
	Wallace & Swan	Occ.			

(signed) Geo. Cuming, C. Insp.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the Surplus Assessment for regulating Perry Street and an Assessment for paving South [50] Street from Peck Slip to Dover Street—which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Rivington Street near Chrystie Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessments for a Well and Pump in Lewis Street and for a Well and Pump in Division Street: and warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented the following Ordinances, which were passed: Viz—for paving the Carriage Way in Hammond Street from Washington to Asylum Street, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors: for repairing the Drain or Sewer in Oak Street between Roosevelt and James Streets, and John Targee, Jacob C. Mott and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors: [51] for paving and regulating Vestry Street from Hudson to Washington Street, and the same Assessors were appointed; and for filling up and regulating King Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Vestry Street, reported that the prayer of the petition should be granted and that the Street Commissioner should report an Ordinance therefor: which was approved and an Ordinance presented agreeably thereto and passed.

The Attorney of the Board, on the petition of Robert Ferguson, reported:

"That Ferguson was complained of generally for driving and keeping in his employ Two Carts without License; in answer to which he stated, as is set forth in his petition, that he is a sort of Sub-con-

tractor under a Mr. Sloan who has entered into an agreement with the Corporation for filling in Houston, Thompson and other Streets and keeps his carts employed constantly in the Banks for that purpose.

[52] "There are many other persons situated similar to the petitioner, who generally work in the Banks, some filling in Streets, others filling in lots for private individuals. They all receive a compensation for the use of their horses and carts and are generally paid by the load. In the present case the petitioner receives 4 cents for every load he carts and is therefore carting for hire and within the meaning of the Ordinance. But inasmuch as the petitioner, when the Contract was made, was impressed with the idea that a License was not necessary for carts employed in that kind of way it might be proper to permit him to continue in the Banks with his carts, provided they are not otherwise employed, until the Contract for filling in said streets is fulfilled.

"The Attorney however states that in examining the complainant it appears that the petitioner has employed his carts, or one of them in carting for private individuals articles for which he [53] has received pay, viz—furniture, sods &c. and which is considered an interference with the business of the regular Cartmen and the principal cause of complaint which ought not to be passed unnoticed. He therefore respectfully suggests to the Board the following:

"Resolved that the complaint against the Petitioner as far as it relates to the employment of his Carts in the Banks be discontinued, but for employing his carts in any other manner the Law be enforced against him."

respectfully submitted

(signed) A. Sherman.

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner relative to a Lot in Rose Street, reported: "That they have purchased the said Lot of ground, being 25 feet front on Rose Street, 39 feet 5 inches in the rear, 54 feet deep on the one side and 50 feet deep on the other side for the sum of Fifty dollars in addition to the sum of 1750 dollars making the sum of Eighteen [54] hundred dollars for the said Lot of ground."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill
" Robert M^cQueen.

which was approved.

The Fire Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants of Harlaem for a larger Engine, reported: "That your Committee have had the said petition under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

(signed) Jno. P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill
" Robert McQueen.

"Resolved—that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to present Engine No. 30 and her equipments to the Firemen of the Village of Harlaem in place of No. 35."
which was approved.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner, on the petition for paving the side-walks of Provost Street, reported: "That they have [55] viewed said Street, and find that the side walks are paved excepting the part herein represented: they therefore think the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to take the necessary measures to have the same carried into effect.

(sign'd) Jno. Morss
" J. J. Westervelt
" J. McComb, S. C.

which Report was approved.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petitions of G. G. Howland and William Butler, reported: "That they have had these two petitions under their consideration: the facts in both are similar, and your Committee doubt not the correctness of their respective statements: yet your Committee think that the fact of their ignorance of the Law and of the lightness of their weights is not a sufficient reason for the Board to interfere and remit the penalty, particularly when the whole or a part of this penalty goes to the informer. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that G. G. Howland and Wil- [56] liam Butler have leave to withdraw their respective petitions."

(signed) S. Stevens
" S. Akerly.

which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of an arrangement with Robert R. Hunter respecting his claim to ground fronting Albany Basin, reported:

"They have given Mr. Hunter a Deed or Quit claim from the Cor-

poration for Two Lots of ground, a part of the property alluded to, and have received from him a quit claim on his part to the remainder, together with his bond and mortgage for the payment of Four thousand dollars, which are herewith presented.

"The Committee are informed that the Board agreed on the 13th of March 1817 to sell the said property: but owing to the claim set up by Mr. Hunter the sale was postponed until said claim was satisfied. This object having been accomplished, they beg leave to recommend the following resolution for the concurrence of the Board.

[57] "Resolved that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorised to sell at public auction, on such terms and in such lots as they shall deem best, the piece or parcel of ground belonging to the Corporation, situated between Greenwich and Washington Streets in front of the Albany Basin."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" W. F. Van Amringe.

which was approved: the Deed from Mr. Hunter accepted: the Quit claim to him directed to be duly executed, and the ground directed to be sold agreeably to the Resolution proposed by the Committee.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Charles McCarty, reported: "That on the 2d day of February last the Board on the petition of said McCarty, adopted a report of this Committee and passed a Resolution directing the Commissioners of Assessment to assess on said Lease-hold only so much of the benefit to be derived as in their judgment the Lessee would re- [58] ceive, and to assess the balance, if any, on the Corporation. Agreeably to the above, the Commissioners have assessed on the property alluded to 439 dollars, 219 of which to be paid by the Lessee and the residue, amounting to 220 dollars, by the Corporation.

"Under this arrangement the Committee cannot perceive that Mr. McCarty has any just cause of complaint, inasmuch as disinterested men have impartially decided on the case, and no advantage has been taken by the Corporation of his covenants, whereby he was legally bound to pay the whole of the Assessment alluded to: they therefore recommend that the principles of the Assessment be adhered to."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly
" Reuben Munson

which was approved.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of His Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins and Noah Brown, reported: "That. they [59] have had the said petition under consideration and find the facts as therein stated to be correct: they have likewise ascertained that the petitioners have extinguished the claims of the Lessees of the Public Slips to the Pier mentioned in the said petition.

"Your Committee therefore recommend that a Lease be granted to the petitioners of the premises mentioned in the said petition according to the prayer thereof, under the annual rent of one hundred dollars, and a covenant on their part to keep the premises in good repair during the term at their own expence. And inasmuch as the petitioners have paid a full consideration to the Lessees of the Slips for the use of the Pier in question during the current year your Committee are of opinion that the rent ought not to commence until the 1st of May next."

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board a Return of the names [60] of the persons who, agreeably to the Resolution of the 15th June last, had reported themselves as holding Offices under the Common Council—which was directed to lie on the Table.

The Select Committee, to whom it was referred to report a plan for the regulation of Weigh-masters, presented a report which was read and the further consideration postponed. A motion was made that the Board proceed to appoint the persons recommended in the Schedule presented by the Committee, which was lost. A motion was made and agreed to that the Clerk cause 50 copies of the Report to be printed for the use of the Members.

Mr. Akerly presented the following:

"Resolved that the present Weighmasters, who have reported themselves agreeably to the Resolution of the Board of the 15th of June last continue to act under their several commissions until the 1st day of September 1818 next—which [61] was agreed to.

Alderman Buckmaster presented a Resolution directing the name of King Street to be altered to President Street. On a motion to refer the same to the Street Committtee, the question being taken thereon and a Division called, it passed in the negative as follows: Viz.

Neg. Ald. Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss McQueen Taylor Munson Mr. Bolton Stevens Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly.

Aff. Ald. Buckmaster Thorp Mr. Board Schieffelin.

Resolved—that the subject of licensing Cartmen employed in carting dirt be referred to the Committee on Laws.

An Invitation from Commodore Chauncey to the Common Council and their Officers to visit the United States' Ship Washington of 74 Guns now lying in the Stream of this Harbour at 1 o'clock tomorrow was presented by his Honor the Mayor & accepted by the Board.

[62] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury—July 13	$89.73	
Recd for Rents	1835.90	
" " Common Lands	2002.87	
" " Excise	1000.	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.	
" " Wells & Pumps	148.49	
" " Streets	11158.	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Tax 1817—3d ward	5.40	19,240.39

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton, Watch 1st dis	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd, do. 2	682.50
Bleakly & Brower— do 3	413.
J. McComb, S. C. 1 qr's Sal. 12th ins	500.
Wm J. Waldron, Ast City Ins. 1 mo. 1 Aug	54.
Obadh Ayres— do " "	54.
Saml Hutchings, St. Insp. " "	54.
Jonn Weeden do " "	54.
Astin & Cochran, Messengers " "	60.
And. Vn Orden, Battery Kr 1 mo. 15 ins	45.12
Benj. Crane—Stationary—6 mo. 1 ins	271.25
Jno. Bedient, Coroner's fees, 1 qr. 1 ins	807.91
Estate of Luke Persiary, care of Mud Machine 2 mo. 12 May	214.43
[63] B. Skaats, rings bells & refreshs 4 July and expences 8 July	113.97
Mrs. L. D. Windson, embroidg Standd 3 Reg. Artil	100.
Ritchie & Burnes, Cartridges Artil. 4 July	97.62
B. Oblenis, Clk. Pol. Off. bal. 6 mo. 1 July	117.27
Geo. Charlton—Acct. Well—Mill St	75.
Mary Green—overpaid—Vault—Orange St	11.40
Hill & Ayres, fillg basin Dey St	1000.
Jas. Vincent—fillg block—Charlton St	500.
Thos. Barnum—supg wharves—24 days 26 Jul	48.

Pet. Debaun—regr Hudson St	1000.	
Chs. Mooney—reg. Collect St	800.	
Jno. Stanley—reg. Bond St	400.	
Chs. Mooney—pavg Provost at Chapel St	300.	
Pet. Parsells, reg. Washington ir. Christr to Hammond	200.	
Jos. Willoughby—reg. Hammond St	231.48	
Jas. Gosman—Award—Thompson St	13.	
Christr Corbley—pav. Intersections	9.61	
Ald. Munson—Treasr Board Health	250.	
A. Hardenbrook—Lamps & Reprs. 1 Apr. 1818	728.83	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. for Reprs	1000.	
Jac. P. Roome for Lamp Departt	250.	
A. McIntyre—St. Comp. 3 y. Int. Bond due 1 Aug	5400.	
Rich. Furman—Sup. Alms-house	2000.	18974.64
	Balance	$265.75

[64] In Common Council August 10, 1818.

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Anthony L. Underhill	Thomas Bolton
John Morss	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
Jacob B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from Patrick Redmond, Captain of the Brig San Domingo, stating that he sailed from Ross in Ireland in May last having 115 Alien passengers on board: that the vessel was consigned to Thomas C. Butler Jr. of this City who refused to act as Consignee: that petitioner being a stranger and totally without funds has not been able to procure the surety for the Alien passengers [65] which is required by Law: that he has been prosecuted for not giving that surety and is now in prison on that account; and praying relief. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to act in the premises as they shall judge expedient.

A Petition of Napthali Phillips to be appointed Clerk of the Common Council: of John G. Clark, of Aaron Pell, of Peter Riker and of Robert S. Hedden to be appointed Weighmasters; and of John Turk at present holding the Commission of Weighmaster to be continued as such—were severally read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition was received from Aaron Ogden of Elizabeth Town, stating that the Slip between the Battery and the Pier erected by petitioner from the South side of Marketfield Street, under lease from the Corporation, for the accommodation of his Steam-Boat plying between New York and Elizabeth Town, is fast filling up and is now [66] too shallow to accommodate his Boats: that in consequence thereof in April last he made an arrangement with the Lessee of Slips for an accommodation for his Boats after the First of May then ensuing: at the exterior of the Piers lately erected by the Corporation at the South side of Whitehall Street, the same being then under lease to his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins and others until the 1st of May last, and in consequence of such arrangement changed the Landing place of his Boats to White Hall Slip: that he understands the Corporation have extended the said Lease of his Excellency D. D. Tompkins: that petitioner has made an arrangement with the Lessees of Public Slips for their right to the use for his Boats of the water on the West side of White hall Slip between the North Line of the grant to his Excellency D. D. Tompkins and the head of the Slip; and praying that said accommodation may be given to him for such time and under such conditions as to the Board shall seem proper. Where- [67] upon the said Memorial was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Elbert Anderson for permission to construct a Brick Cistern in Chamber Street in front of his house, he having no yard—which was accompanied with a Certificate from the Street Commissioner that he had viewed the premises and recommended granting the request of Mr. Anderson—was read and the prayer thereof granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Peter Jay Munro and others was received, stating that they hold under Lease from the Corporation Lots in the Sixth Ward which are charged with an annual rent payable in wheat: that they are desirous of commuting for the same but consider the terms as settled by the Board disadvantageous to them, and request the Board will take those terms again into their consideration. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

[68] A Petition was received from Charles McCarty, stating that he is Lessee under the Corporation of a Lot in the Fourth Ward on the South side of Cherry Street: that the opening of Roosevelt Street has left on the side of petitioner's Lot which is bounded by Roosevelt Street a small gore of unappropriated ground; and praying said gore may be added to his Lease. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Ann Lockwood for a Huckster's Stand in the Washington Market: one of Margaret Johnson, Widow of James Johnson, stating that her husband had rented one of the Cellars under Washington Market which they had used as a Cook Shop, that she had received an order to pull down the Stove erected in said cellar, which would render the cellar useless to her, and praying relief: A petition of Jacob Patchin, Jesse Cook and Israel Reynolds, butchers, inhabitants of Brook- [69] lyn, stating they have received an order suspending them from bringing meat to be sold in the Country Market in the City, and praying to be restored to that privilege; and Petitions from George Paff, Samuel Preney, John Miller, Henry N. Disbrow, Thomas Place, John Akley, John Lee, Joshua S. Place, Thomas Bockover, Andrew Van Deusen and Lawrence Martin for Stalls in the Market about to be erected in Grand Street—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition that a Bell may be hung in the Market in Grand Street when finished was referred to the Committee on the subject of said Market.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the intersection of McDougal and King Streets, and for one at the lower end of Mott Street were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective wards and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Petition of Elbert Anderson for permission to construct a vault in front of his House [70] at the Bowling Green—a smilar request of Gibson and Davis for Two vaults in Chapple Street—and of Robert Pearsall for a Vault in Elm Street—were granted on the usual terms and under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Complaint from sundry Inhabitants that several small houses and shops in Washington Street on the Westerly side between Courtlandt and Liberty Streets project so far into the Street as to destroy the regularity of the same and to interfere with the convenience of passengers— and a Request from the same that Washington Street might be made of uniform width between Courtlandt and Liberty Streets—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Crosby Street between Hester and Grand Streets may be regulated and paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from William Mackling con- [71] fined in gaol on suit for selling liquor without license and praying a release from the same was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Mary Crooker and Mary Moncrief for advance of

sums awarded them for ground taken to widen Roosevelt Street. was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of a number of Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street was received, stating that as the Street had lately been widened and must be regulated they wished a permanent regulation might be made, and as the Drain or Sewer in said street was offensive and injurious to the property in said Street they prayed the Street might if practicable be raised and the Water carried over the surface in place of passing thro' a Sewer—which being read was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of John Lovell to be permitted to remove a Frame House from Harman Street to Franklin Street was read and referred [72] to the Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

An Account of the Jurors who valued the property taken by the Corporation between Oliver and Catharine Streets and between Rose Street and New Slip was presented and was referred to the Counsel.

A Petition of Emmanuel Abrams to be relieved from a penalty incurred by opening made ground at the corner of Water and Broad Streets without having first obtained, agreeably to the directions of the Ordinance of the Corporation, the permission of the Common Council for that purpose, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Petition of James Hunt, Wood Inspector, to be relieved from a fine incurred by permitting a Cartman to cart Wood in his District without having the number of [73] his cart painted on the same was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Catharine Hubbard, Widow and Administratrix of Ruggles Hubbard deceased, was received—stating that her Husband on the 21st April 1817 leased from the Corporation Lots Nos. 84, 110, 163 and 188 on Manhattan Island—that rent is due on said Leases—that she has no [money] nor is likely to have any to pay said rents—and praying that the Corporation will reenter on said Lots and discharge the Estate of said Hubbard from the rents due and to grow due thereon. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition that Water Street at Corlaer's Hook may be paved was read and referred to the Committee on Streets—and a petition that said Street from Pike to Rutgers Street may be filled in and regularly laid out, was referred to the same Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

[74] "Fire Engine Hose Company, No. 1."

Jno. Taylor—gilder—Pump c. Mulberry—6 w[d]—vice William Stone, Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 4."

Geo. G. Scofield—Mercht—173 B'Way—3 ward—vice William Smith—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company—No. 24."

Peter Wright—Carpenter—William—2 ward—vice Michael Funk—Expelled.

"Fire Engine Company—No. 39."

Charles P. Clinch—Account[t]—30 Reed—6 ward—vice Thomas Duny—Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances as follow—which Ordinances were passed

1.	Abm. Labagh J. Courtney	Own. Occ.	Franklin c. Collect.		Lot.
2.	S. Baker & J. Miller	Own.	Canal, Vestry Thompson & Vestry		"
3.	C. Baylis R. Johnston	Own. Occ.	79 Division St.		"
4.	Jno. J. Post to Estate of Jno. Post.	Exec[r] & Agt.	Water St.		"
5.	Jno. Moran to Estate of Jno. M[c]Nail	Exec. & Agt.	Cross & Orange		"
6.	[75] Jno. K. Vanderbelt Pet. Wyckoff	Les. Occ.	68 William		Privy
7.	Mr. Tucker K. Sage	Own. Occ.	23 Jay		"
8.	W. H. Fitch	Agt. & Occ.	7 Peck Slip		"
9.	J. V. B. Varick, Exec. to J. Remsen dec[d] and Thomas A. Morris	Occ.	34 Pearl St.		"
10.	J. Tonnele Sam[l] Redmond	Les. Occ.	286	"	"
11.	Jno. Best	Les. & Occ.	20 Wall St.		"
12.	Hen. Megarey	"	"		"
13.	Geo. De Grace	"	"		"
14.	Pet. Cotte	"	269 Broad Way		"

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving Mill Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector. He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Beach Street between Chapel and Varick Streets—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors—And for a Well and Pump in Vandam Street near [76] Varick Street, which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

The Chief Engineer made a Communication, stating that Fire Engine No. 12 was greatly out of repair and recommending it to be replaced by a new one. He also stated that the Floating Engine would soon need considerable repairs, and, as in his opinion its use was suspended by the services which are rendered by the Steam and Horse Boats, he recommended the Engine should be disposed of. Whereupon the said Communication was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Chief Engineer and Fire Wardens of the Fifth Ward, to whom the complaint against the Cellars under Duane Market had been referred, reported—"That they had examined the premises, found the statement correct and had taken the necessary steps to have the same removed."

(signed) Thos. Franklin—C. E
[77] " Geo. Ireland } F. W.
" Wm Ludlum }

which Report was approved.

The Alms-House Committee and Commissioners reported: "That they have provided rooms in the Alms House and Penitentiary for the Maniacs that are or may properly come under the care of the Board, and the Commissioners have made such arrangements with the Governors of the Hospital that exchanges may be made of those that are very vicious for those which are less so at all times whenever it may be necessary, so that nothing is wanting but a person calculated properly to take charge of them as a Keeper. In the Alms-House places are provided that will contain from twenty to thirty of those Maniacs, which are as many as we have at this time to provide for."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" John Morss
" Geo. B. Thorp.

which was approved and the proposed appointment of a Keeper postponed.

[78] The Comptroller, on the petition of William Blair, reported: "On the 3d April 1817 Andrew Ogden leased at auction the West half of lots Nos. 106. 111. 112. 117 on the East road, formerly Hamilton Square, containing 11 acres, 1 rood and 22 perches for 6 years from 1st May 1817 at an annual rent of 49 dollars.

"Mr. Ogden not having executed the Lease, the property remains at the disposal of the Common Council.

"The petitioner will enclose the lots in fence, and pay a yearly rent of 50 dollars for 4 years from the 1st May next, when the rent is to commence, not expecting to derive any benefit from the land during the present season. Under all circumstances, it is thought that the offer made by Mr. Blair should be accepted, and the same is accordingly recommended to the Board."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker, Compt^r

which was approved

The Counsel presented a Lease for Hoboken Ferry to Philip Hone, drawn agreeably to the order of the Board—which was directed to be duly executed. He also presented grants for Water Lots on the North River to Samuel M. Thompson, Richard J. Tucker, Thomas S. Clarkson, Campbell P. White, Mary White, Goldsborough Le Roy Banyar, Mary Le Roy and [79] Cornelia Le Roy, and Water grants on the East River to John Agnew and Samuel L. Mitchill—which were directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Lease to Daniel D. Tompkins and Noah Brown for the Ferry at Whitehall, which authorized the erection of a Toll house upon the same which was referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Attorney, on the petition of Davis Hunt, presented a report detailing a number of instances in which petitioner had acted as a dealer in second hand articles without having a License—whereupon the Attorney was directed to proceed in the Suit against said D. Hunt.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Cornelius Harsin, reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration and are of opinion that it will be establishing a precedent that will give the Board much trouble and altercation to settle cases of this nature, and to receive back property from persons who happen to make a bad bargain. Your Committee in this case recommend that the Corporation receive back the water grant from the [80] petitioner, and he be re-

leased therefrom by forfeiting the improvements now made on said premises if Harsin see fit to abandon on such conditions."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" S. Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which report was approved.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 8th and 5th wards, to whom had been referred the petitions for a pump at the corner of Varick and Vandam Streets and for a pump near Walker, Beach and Chapel Streets, reported in favor of the same—which was approved and the Street Commissioner presented Ordinances for the same, which were passed.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Benjamin Clark, reported: "That the subject is one of considerable importance, and involves in it the principle whether it will be just and proper in the Corporation to exact from the Society of Friends the Tax or Commutation fixed by Act of Legislature to be paid by them in lieu of military duty.

[81] "The Committee are of opinion that the Legislature have acted with great liberality and consideration toward this class of our Fellow citizens, in relieving them for a trifling commutation in money from the performance of a very inconvenient though necessary and indispensible duty; and in order that the payment of this sum should not interfere with their religious opinions on this subject it is declared by an Act passed the 15th of April 1814, that "the Commutation money to be received from the people called Quakers shall be paid to the several County Treasurers for the use of the poor of said Counties." The payment of this money, therefore, is a Tax for the use of the poor and not a fine for the nonperformance of military duty.

"From the view taken of this subject by your Committee, it will be perceived that it places the people commonly called Quakers in a situation, as it respects the performance of military duty, differing materially from the rest of our fellow-citizens—the former being exempt by law and not required to perform said duty, while the latter are not only bound to appear on parade at the call of the proper officer, but must furnish at his own expence the necessary [82] accoutrements or incur the penalty exacted.

"It follows, therefore, that the causes which would excuse the last from said penalty, such as sickness, being out of town previous to being notified and at the time of parade will not excuse the first from

paying said Tax or Commutation, and that the plea of Benjamin Clark stating that "he has been unable from bodily infirmity to do military duty" can be of no validity in the present case, inasmuch as he candidly confesses, had he been required, for conscience sake he would have refused.

"The Committee are decidedly of opinion, therefore, that Mr. Clark is justly bound to pay the amount of tax due from him as one of the Society of Friends, and that the Board ought not to interfere in any instance to prevent the operation of the measures now in train for collecting and applying to its proper, object the commutation money due from the people called Quakers: for which purpose they recommend the passage of the following resolution:

"Resolved—that it is inexpedient to adopt any measure which will prevent or retard the collection of the Commutation money legally due from the people called Quakers."

(signed) S. Allen R. Munson W. F. Van Amringe Approved

[83] A Resolution directing the Collector of Taxes not to proceed in the collection of the Arrears of Military Fines or Taxes was read and referred to the Counsel.

Alderman Underhill presented a resolution directing an enquiry to be made as to the obligation of the Sextons of the different churches to ring the Bells of the same on the alarm of fire—which was read and referred to a Committee of Alderman Underhill Mr. Kip Alderman Munson

The Comptroller reported, as follows:

Balance in Treasury 27th July	265.75	
Recd for Rents	3411.38	
" " Streets	6100.	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.	
" " Tavern Licenses	44.10	
" " Mayoralty Fees	253.75	
Loan of Mechanic's Bank—Ordd 15 June	20,000.	30,674.98

Accounts Audited

S. Allen Esqr. Chairman Finance Com. for Institution instructn Deaf & Dumb Ordd July 13. Warrant issued July 29	500.
[84] Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st dist.	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd— do. 2d "	682.50
Bleakley & Brower— do 3d "	413.
R. Graves—Asst St. Comr 2 qrs. Sal. 1st inst.	750.

Jac. Morton—Clerk of Common Council and receiving Clerk—1 qr. 1 inst	312.50	
Wm Hoogland—Keeper Penitentiary & 3 Assistants—1 qr. 1st instant	587.50	
G. Sickels—Keeper City Prison and 2 assistants—1 qr. 1st inst.	350.	
Jno. Burger—regs public Clocks—1 qr. 1st ins	66.66	
Daniel H. Magee—Keeper Potters field—1 mo. to 1st instant	46.50	
S. McCormick—Keeper of Park 1 month to 1st instant and grass-feed	51.75	
N. Phillips, Subscription to Advocate 6 month to 1st instant	75.	
Thomas P. Low—printing for Corporation 3 months to 1st instant	300.75	
Reubn Stevens—posting bills—3 mo. 1st inst	30.	
Thos. C. Morton—Materials for Standard of 3d regiment Artillery	116.97	
Hugh Smith—paving Water Street from Clinton to Corlaer Street	500.	
Chs. Mooney—Acct. filling Collect St	500.	
[85] John Stanley—regulating Bond St	400.	
Thomas Scott—paving South Street	300.	
Jac. C. Mott & Associates for Sundry Assessts	261.	
James Pinkney—paving Orange St	200.	
Terence Tiffany—regulating Sheriff St	200.	
Mary Golden—Exec. Wm Golden—bal. pavg Hudson St. from Duane to Chamber St	177.70	
Chs. Mooney—pavg part of Provost Street	150.	
Hugh Smith regs Leonard Street	100.	
Jno. Culbert—repavg Intersecn Grand & Rynder Sts	29.26	
Cornelius Clark—pavg Intersections	4.18	
Robt. Pettigrew—bal. Well Rivington St	89.25	
Geo. Charlton—Acct. Well in Mill St	80.	
Robt. Pettigrew—Well in Cannon St	63.	
Hill & Ayres—filling Dey St. Basin	1000.	
J. McComb—Earth delvd at Charlton St. Block	1500.	
Thos. McCready—delivg Tickets at do	57.50	
Danl Biggs—Work at Lamps—3 mo. to 1 Aug	46.58	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt reprs. for Docks & Slips	1400.	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. reprs. for repairs	800.	
Rich. Furman—Supt of Alms-house	5400.	
W. Fish. Treasurer—to pay 24 dividend City Stock due 1st August	12000.	30,659.85
	Balance	$15.13

Adjourned to this day fortnight 5 o'clock.

[86] In Common Council Aug. 24. 1818

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calender of persons confined in the Bridewell or City Prison returned to him by the Keeper with the following observations thereon—Whereupon the subject respecting Slaves was referred to the Committee on Laws. The remarks follow:

"The Mayor has nothing to remark of this Calender further than that it is gratifying to observe that the charges for high crimes are, considering the extent of our population, [87] but few, And to recommend to the attention of the Committee of Laws the case of the Slave whose name is reported in the Calender, that it may be ascertained by what authority the City Prison is rendered subservient to the authority of Slave holders."

(signed) Cadwallader D. Colden.

A Petition of Philip Brasher for a Vault in Chamber Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Petition of George Camerdener for a Stall in Washington Market or in the Market about to be erected in Grand Street, of Staats Dawson for Stall No. 30 Fly Market—of Isaac Varian and Henry Spicer for Stalls in the Market about to be erected in Grand Street—of John Glashong for Stall No. 4 in Spring Street Market—of George Limbert for Stall No. 41 in Washington Market, and of Thomas Vermilyea for a Butcher's License—and a Complaint of the Inhabitants near Catharine Market of Waggons encumbering the Streets and Side-walks were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial of Benjamin Watson, Register of Dogs, [88] stating that from the opposition he has met with he is not able to enforce the

laws respecting dogs without some aid, was read and referred to the Police Committee with authority to direct such aid to be afforded him as they shall judge proper and expedient.

A Petition of Anthony Tieman, stating that he has in his employ in grinding Paint Colors a number of Dogs, and praying said dogs may be exempted from the Tax upon dogs, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Remonstrance from Cornelius Vanderbilt and others against granting the prayer of the petition of Aaron Ogden for accommodation for his Steam Ferry Boat at Whitehall, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A presentment of the Grand Jury presented to the Court of Sessions held in the Commencement of this month was presented by his Honor the Mayor, read and ordered to be filed.

A Proposal to the Common Council, to purchase an elegant Brass 32 pound cannon was read [89] and referred to the Committee of Defence.

A petition of William Herriman to be continued as a City Weigher of Abraham Ackerman to be appointed a City Weigher—of John Stuyvesant to be appointed a Measurer of grain—and of John Conover for appointment of Fence and Damage Viewer for the 9th Ward, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

Two remonstrances against raising Roosevelt Street and causing the water to pass over the surface of the Street instead of passing thro' a Sewer or Kennel as proposed by a petition preferred to the Board, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of J. Waterman was received, stating that he is Lessee under the Corporation of a Lot situated at the corner of Water and Roosevelt Streets, that there has been assessed upon said lot toward the expence of opening Roosevelt Street the sum of $515 sixty eight cents, and praying to be exempted therefrom—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well in Willet Street near Stanton [90] Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefore.

A Petition from Resolvert Stephens, Assistant Clerk in the Police, praying on account of the increased duties of his office that his Salary may be increased, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Representation of the Captains of the City Watch of the First District, stating that the Caps of the Watchmen were in a great measure worn out and required to be replaced by new ones, was read and

referred to the Watch Committee with authority to make the necessary provision in the premises, and extending their powers also to the 2d & 3d Watch Districts.

A Petition was received from Thomas Morrell. William Vail and William Hunter, Lessees of Grand Street Ferry, stating that they wished to commence the necessary fixtures for the landing of their Horse boat and requesting liberty for that purpose—under direction of the Street Commissioner: stating also that Mr. Gardner's [91] Pier on the Northeastwardly side was unfinished and created an Eddy which would be prevented by completing the same, and praying the same may be ordered to be done—which being read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Niobe Minturn was received, stating that Benjamin Minturn, William Minturn and John T. Champlin, as Executors of William Minturn deceased, sold to petitioner Lots of ground on the South side of Front Street between Roosevelt and Dover Streets; that prior to said sale said Executors sold the Lots opposite thereto on the northerly side of Front Street to divers persons, reserving the Water right; that petitioner has recently discovered that upon the petition of said Executors the Corporation have ordered a grant to be made to said Executors of the lots so purchased by petitioner, but that no grant has yet issued; and praying the grant may be now made to Petitioner —And a similar petition from John Patten respecting lots purchased by him of said Executors on the South side of Front Street bounded westerly by the said lots of Niobe Minturn—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips and the Comptroller.

[92] A Petition from Abiathar Rogers, that a suit against him for not regularly reporting passengers might be discontinued, he having made a due report of the same, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition was received from Jonathan Carlton, stating that he had built a house at the corner of Cliff and Fulton Streets and that a Suit had been commenced against him for said building alleging the same to be in violation of the law to prevent fires; and praying a Committee may be appointed to investigate the same—was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Davis Hunt to be relieved from a penalty recovered against him for exercising the business of a Pawnbroker without a License was read and laid on the table.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

Peter Winants—Block Maker—53 Broad St. 1st ward vice John Price—Expelled

[93] "Fire Engine Company No. 13."

Samuel Post—Broker—425 Pearl St. 4th ward vice Nehemiah Areson, Removed.

Jetur R. Rogers—Accountt 58 Catharine St. 4 ward vice William D. Cunningham—Resigned

Richard Ustick—Accountt 53 Beekman St. 2 ward vice Richard M. Bown, Deceased

Valentine G. Hall—Accountt 119 Fulton St. 2 ward vice Joseph Curtis, Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 25."

John Seaman—Storekeeper—271 Broadway—6 ward vice John L. Gale, removed

"Fire Engine Company No. 41."

James Sands—Grocer—Delancy c. Willet St. 10 ward vice Robert Stockton—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessments for a Bulkhead at Rutgers Slip, and a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed—Viz—for a Well and Pump in Mott Street near Chatham Square, and Abraham Bloodgood. [94] John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors: for a Well and Pump in McDougal Street near King Street, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors: for regulating and repairing Frankfort Street from Pearl Street to between Vandewater and Gold Streets, and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors; and for making a road thro' the 9th Avenue from Greenwich Lane to the North side of 28th Street, and for making a Turnpike road thro' 28th Street from the 9th Avenue to the Hudson River, and Thomas C. Taylor, Henry Post and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Cannon Street near Grand Street, and for one in Mill Street—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

The Street Commissioner, on building a pier at Oliver Street, reported as follows:

"The Street Commissioner, in conformity with his instructions has received Estimates for building a pier at the foot of Oliver Street agreeably to the plan herewith, amounting to [95] Thirteen thousand nine hundred and forty one dollars—But several of the proprietors are unwilling to join in carrying out the pier so far; as about 60 feet will be beyond the line of the piers below and be much exposed to the current and ice. They are willing to unite with the Corporation in building one of three blocks and three bridges, making 190 feet, which will be on a line with those at New Slip and which can be executed for $7,000. The Street Commissioner is of opinion that such a pier will afford all the accommodation that is at present required—therefore respectfully submits the above for the consideration of the Board."

(signed) Jno. McComb St. Comr

which Report was approved.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed: Viz

1.	Daniel Boyd	Own.		Columbia St.	Lot
2.	Ebenezer Clark	do.		Grand St.	do
3	Robt. M. Livingston	do.		Chapel St.	do
4	Thomas Farmer	do.		Wooster St.	do
5	John McIntosh	do.		Elm St.	do
	S. N. Bayard	Agt.			
6.	Davd Hutchins	Own. & Occ.	23	Orange St.	do
	[96] Francis H. Nicoll	Own.	83	Cross St.	Lot.
	Barnes Hatfield	Own.		Broome St.	do
9.	Elijah P. Delaplaine	do		do	do
10	Timothy Chichester	do		Water St.	do
11	Edward Price	do.			
	Stephen Price	Agt.	126	Water St.	do
	Joseph Kerr	Occ.			
12	A. L. Stewart	Own.		Provost St.	do.
13.	John Ludlam	do.		do.	do
14	Robt. M. Livingston	do		do.	do
15	Richd. S. Kissam	do.		do.	do
16	Ann White	do			
	Jas. Thompson	Agt.	83	Nassau St	do
	Jac. Thomas	Occ.			

17	Ezra Ludlow Henry Megary J. Best & G. De Grace	Les. Les. & Occ.	20 Wall St.		Lot.
18	Mrs. Lilburn Alex[r] Lott	Own. Occ.	19 Rose St.		do
19	C. Rush & J. Dias Jas. Casey	Les. Occ.	66 Warren St.		do
20	P. Serren Les.	H. Davis Occ.	68	do	do
21	E. Price Own.	J. Kerr Occ.	126	Water St.	do
22	D. W. Kissam Jr. G. Aster	Own. Occ.	144	do	do

(Signed) Geo. Cuming C. Insp.

[97] The Counsel, on the resolution respecting arrears of military taxes due from the Quakers, reported:

"That he has given the subject his consideration and is of opinion that there is no legal mode by which the payment of those fines or taxes in arrear can be enforced. The Act to organize the Militia of this state provides that the Supervisors shall at their first meeting after they receive the list of the Quakers who may refuse to pay military duty issue warrants to the Collectors of the Wards for levying, within 60 days from the time the warrant is delivered to them, the sum of Four dollars of the goods and chattels of each of the persons named in the said list. This is the only remedy which the law has provided for the collection of these fines, and as the period within which the Collectors are required to levy the same has long since elapsed, it follows that they cannot now be collected. The act for the more effectual collection of taxes and Assessments in the City of New York passed 12[th] April 1816 is confined to such taxes in arrear as are laid on lands and tenements, and does not extend to personal taxes. The question whether a suit can be maintained for a personal Tax has never been decided by the Supreme Court of this State. It was once brought before them upon a Certiorari from [98] a Justice's Court, when it was decided that the proceedings had been irregular, and that the judgment could not be sustained in that case, if it could in any for the recovery of a personal Tax. As these penalties were imposed by a statute which has pointed out the manner in which they are to be enforced, the Counsel is of opinion that no other mode of compelling the Delinquents to pay them can be resorted to."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which was directed to be filed and the Clerk was directed to give notice to the Collectors not to proceed in the collection of said Arrears.

He also presented deeds from the Corporation to George Bruce of Lot No. 6 in Augustus Street and of Lot No. 7 in Chamber Street —Also a Deed to John and Jacob Shrady of Lots numbered 41, 47. and X. in the Map of Hardenbrook's Farm—which Deeds were directed to be duly executed.

He also reported that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for extending Anthony Street had been confirmed by the Supreme Court—whereupon Morris De Camp was [99] appointed Collector to collect the Assessment.

He also upon the account of the Jurors for valuing property taken for public purposes referred to him at the last meeting of the Board reported that the account does not exceed what has been heretofore taxed and what has been usual to allow them for the like services—which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported therefor. The account as stated was for 5 days service each juror, being 60 days One hundred and eighty dollars.

The Road Committee on the application of Jacob Hyatt for permission to build a Bulkhead and wharf adjoining Spuyten Duyvel Creek near Kings' bridge—reported that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted: which was approved and a grant directed to be prepared agreeably thereto.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of Alien passengers, reported. "That on the 23d of December last a resolution was adopted, authorising his Honor the Mayor to leave it at the option of the Captain or Consignee of Vessels arriving at this port with Alien passengers either to bond in the usual way or pay the sum of Five dollars for each Alien [100] passenger in lieu of Bonds: that comparatively a very small number of the Aliens who have arrived since the above date have accepted of the option to commute, owing, as the Committee are informed, to the dispropertion between the sum demanded and the risk to be taken by the persons executing the Bonds.

"The Committee are of opinion that the interest of the Corporation will be promoted by a reduction of the sum to be paid in lieu of Bonds, and therefore, for the purpose of bringing the subject before the Board respectfully propose the following Resolution:

"Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorised to receive from the Captain or Consignee of vessels arriving with Alien passengers Three dollars for each Alien so arriving, in lieu of Bonds; and that so much of a Resolution passed the 23d of De-

cember 1817 as fixes the sum to be received at Five dollars be and the same is rescinded."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier

Approved and the Resolution proposed adopted.

[101] The Finance Committee, on petition of Melatiah Nash, reported: "That the amount due from Mr. Nash is One hundred and sixty seven dollars forty seven cents, and ought to have been paid on the 1st day of December 1817: that this money has been advanced to the Contractor by the Corporation long since, and that Mr. Nash has already received an indulgence of more than nine months for the payment of the same, which in the opinion of the Committee ought not to be extended—They therefore recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that the proper Officer be instructed to enforce the payment of the Assessment due from Melatiah Nash for paving Broadway."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier

which was Approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Mary Crooker and Mary Moncrief, reported: "That the petitioners are old Inhabitants of this City and possess little or no property except the part of the lot left them after widening said Street: that the advance asked for is for the purpose of repairing their dwelling injured by removing [102] it from the Street agreeably to the order of this Board. The Committee feel a disposition to accommodate the petitioners, especially when it can be done with so little inconvenience to the Corporation, and they therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to prepare a Warrant in favor of Mary Crooker and Mary Moncrief for two hundred dollars, as part of the sum awarded them for damage in widening Roosevelt Street." (signed) Whole Comm. Which was approved, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for Two hundred dollars agreeably thereto.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Patrick Redmond, re-

ported: "That being satisfied of his inability to pay the penalty incurred by landing Alien passengers previous to giving the necessary bonds, and also that his transgression was owing to the distressed situation in which he was placed and not to any premeditated intention to violate the law, have directed the Clerk, at the solicitation of the friends of said Redmond, to receive bonds in the usual way for the passengers [103] by the San Domingo and to release him, the said Redmond from confinement, all which has been complied with." (signed) The whole Committee—Which was approved.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Peter Jay Munro and others, presented a report recommending the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Owners of Lots in the 6th ward subject to the payment of an annual wheat rent be permitted to commute for the same on the conditions as follow—that is to say:—the amount of cash to be paid for each lot shall be such as to produce an annual amount of interest at 6 per cent which will be equal to the amount of rent, calculating said rent at Two dollars and twenty five cents for each bushel of wheat annually to be paid for the lots respectively.

"Resolved that the foregoing proposition shall not be binding on the Corporation unless it be acceded to by all the owners of the lots alluded to, and unless the whole amount, together with the rent then due, shall be paid in the Treasury on or before the first day of November next."

(signed) S. Allen—R. Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" S. Akerly, P Mesier.

which was approved.

[104] The Finance [Committee], on the Petition of Catharine Hubbard, reported: "That on the 1st instant the rent due on said lots was Sixty dollars: that the leases held for the same are sealed Instruments and therefore have a preference in law, as the Committee are informed over other debts: and as in the last resort the Corporation have the right to reenter for the non-payment of rent, the Committee cannot perceive any reason why they should accede to the terms offered by the petitioner. They have reason to believe however that the Estate left by the said Ruggles is not very ample and that the lots alluded to will be of little or no advantage to the Administratrix, otherwise the petition under consideration would never have been presented to the Board. The Committee feel disposed, under all the circumstances, to recommend an acceptance of the leases provided the back rent is paid and therefore propose the following Resolution.

"Resolved that the Administratrix of the Estate of the late Ruggles Hubbard be permitted to surrender the lease of certain lots of ground in the Ninth ward leased to the said Ruggles, provided she shall pay all the rent which may appear due on the same at the time of making [105] such surrender and shall make the said payment on or before the 1st day of November next."

(signed) The Whole Committee

which was agreed to.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Charles McCarthy, reported: "That the Gore alluded to was formerly a part of said street and has been assessed to the Corporation by the Commissioners and contains about 260 square feet. The Committee believe it cannot be better appropriated than by adding it to the lot held under lease from the Corporation by said McCarty, and therefore recommend that the same be leased, in conformity with the following resolution, if adopted by the Board.

"Resolved that the gore of ground on the corner of Cherry and Roosevelt Streets, about 3 feet 9 inches in front and 3 feet 6 inches in the rear, extending the whole length of the lot now in possession of Charles McCarty, be leased him at the same rate of rent as he now pays and to the end and termination of his present lease, and that the Comptroller be instructed to conclude the arrangement with Mr. McCarty for the same—provided that the terms hereby offered shall be acceded to on the part of said McCarty on or before [106] the first day of November next."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier

which was approved.

The Special Committee, on the ringing of Church Bells on alarm of fire, reported:

"That they have given the subject due attention, and to enable them correctly to understand the wishes of their fellow citizens, they notified the officers of the different churches and invited a deputation from each to meet with them on Friday evening last at the Alms' House, when the following gentlemen appeared: Viz

Mr. Meelick, Mr. Halsey } from Church in Spring Street
Mr. Havens " Brick Church

Mr. Child Mr. Hardenbrook	North & Middle Dutch
Mr. Mowatt	Wall Street Church
Mr. Carow Mr. Peters	St. George's Church
Messrs. Snyder & Luff	Dutch Church in Nassau St.
Mr. Heyer	do Garden
Mr. Buskirk	Church in Greenwich

[107] "The Committee regret that they are under the necessity of stating to the Board that at the fire on the morning of 19th instant but few of the Bells were rung, and in consequence a large proportion of the Firemen were not alarmed—Yet from assurance given them by the gentlemen attending the Committee they believe a repetition of this neglect of duty will not again take place, as a general disposition appears to prevail to further the views of the Corporation on this subject. With some of the churches it is made an express duty for the sextons to ring at an alarm of fire, and with others it has always been an implied one. The Committee have therefore the satisfaction of stating to the Board that they believe all the churches in future will enforce this duty by giving their Sextons instructions to that effect

To facilitate which, they beg leave to recommend it to be made the duty of the Watchmen at the cry of fire immediately to alarm the Sextons of the different churches in the City."

(signed) Leonard Kip
" Reuben Munson

which was approved.

The Committee of Applications, to whom had been referred the petitions of sundry persons for the appointment of City Weighers reported a List of persons [108] whom they considered as suitable for the appointment to said Office—which was read and laid on the Table.

The Street Committee—on the petition of John Mannel for remission of fine—reported that it be remitted to him on payment of costs as he was wholly unable to pay the same—which was agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Crosby Street reported as their opinion that said Street should be regulated and paved from Hester to Broome Street—which was approved and the Street Commissioner directed to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Committee of Arts and Sciences, on the petition of Benjamin Birdsall, reported:

"That a deviation should be made from the Contract price. They

therefore recommend the following resolution:—"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to settle with W. Birdsall, the Contractor for erecting the Iron Railing around part of the Park at 8½ cents per pound according to the Contract," which was agreed to.

(sign'd) Akerly: Taylor: Mesier

[109] The Report of the Select Committee, to whom had been referred the subject of a plan for regulating the Weighmasters, presented on 27th July last and laid on the table, was called up, and, on motion that the Board now proceed to consider so much of the report as relates to the appointment of Weighmasters, was agreed to. The said Report recommended that the number of Weighmasters be limited to fifteen. Mr. Allen moved that the number be extended to Seventeen. On the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called by Alderman King, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Aff. Aldn. Morss — Buckmaster — Taylor — Thorp — Munson. Messrs. Bolton — Anthony — Westervelt—Parker—Akerly—Board—Allen

Neg. Aldn. Mesier—King—Van Amringe Mr. Stevens

The Board then proceeded to appoint by Ballot seventeen persons to fill the office of City Weigher, and the following were appointed:

Israel Bedell	Silvester Marius	William Brower
David D. Crane	Augustus Van Horn	James Seaman
Stephen S. Clay	Reuben Wright	Wm Vandervoort
William Ustick	Robert McCullum	Robert Stanton
Patrick Barron	Peter R. Pearsall	John G. Betts
	Andrew Blakely	
	Caleb Coffin	

[110] Alderman Taylor presented the following

"Resolved that John Mannel be permitted to remove his heap of Manure on board of a Boat at the foot of Charlton Street"—which was agreed to.

Alderman King presented a Resolution referring to a Committee to consider and report by Bill or otherwise on the expediency of prohibiting Dyers and others from using the Public Pumps in such a manner as to create Nuisances and from placing Casks and other Articles about such pumps—which was agreed to and referred to the Committee on Laws.

An Invitation from Commodore Evans to the Common Council to visit the Seventy four Gun ship now erecting by the United States

in the Harbor on Thursday next was presented by his Honor the Mayor and accepted.

His Honor the Mayor stating that he had received a confidential Communication from the Police Magistrates, the

Doors were closed.

Letters from a Magistrate in Canada to Chs. Christian & Jac. Hays on the means he had & such means as he would pursue to detect certain counterfeiters were referred to the Police Committee.

[111] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 10th instant	$15.13	
Recd for Rents	5183.67	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	70.	
" " Tax of 1817. Fifth Ward	415.15	
" " Arrears of Tax	800.	
" " Common Lands	884.39	
" " Streets	8805.48	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Third Street	92.50	
" " Fourth Street	1500.	
" " Docks and Slips	800.	
" " Wells and Pumps	191.	19,257.32

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st district	1118.25
Clark & Hibberd— do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower— do 3d do	413.
Whitehead Fish—Treasurer—5 qrs' Salary to 1st instant	625.
Richard Furman—Supt of Alms' house and Officers—1 qr. to 1st instant	625.
Garritt N. Bleecker—Comptroller—One quarter to 15th instant	500.
Jacob P. Roome—Superintt of Repairs—one quarter to 14th instant	225.
[112] Thomas Franklin—Chief Engineer—one quarter to 18th instant	200.
Wm S. Smith—Collector of City Revenue one quarter to 22d instant	200.
Jonathan Pinckney—City Intendant—one quarter to 19th instant	250.
Bartholomew Skaats—Keeper City Hall—one quarter to 24th instant	100.
Abraham Brevoort—Inspector of Bread—one quarter to 21st instant	97.50
Joseph Varick—Inspector of Bread—one quarter to 17th instant	91.75

Andrew Van Orden Keeper of Battery—one month to 15th instant	45.18	
B. Skaats—Expences for the Corporation—one quarter to 24th instant	186.41	
Editor Mercantile Advertiser—subscript. 6 mo. 1 Jul. 1818. & adverts Arrears of Tax	183.	
Fine, See & Co. Carriage hire for Road and Alms' house Committees	42.	
Geo. Bowen—Carriage hire on 4th instant	32.50	
Thos. Brown—Music 4th July at dinner	45.	
F. Tillou & N. Eisenhart Attends at Hall on presents Colors to 3d regt Artillery	3.	
[113] Aldn Munson—10 Casks oil—of M. Crosby	988.80	
Geo. Snethen—Supp & lights Lamps—1 mo. 1st inst	788.63	
Thomas Scott—balance on State Street	212.87	
Wm H. Haines—reprs. on bridges at Canal St	6.75	
P. Haines—Comrs' fees & expences in opening 4th and Spring Streets	499.	
J. Forbes—Commrs' fees & expences in opening Henry, Roosevelt and Cross Streets	1280.	
O. Edwards, Counsel fees & Court charges on Spring, 4th, Roosevelt, Henry & Cross Streets	1567.82	
Alderman Munson for Work on 3d Avenue	2000.	
Hugh Smith—filling lot in Leonard St. lien on Estate of Archibald Smyth	197.38	
Hugh Smith—filling lot at Bowling Green—lien on Estate of R. Fulton	132.50	
Hugh Smith—filling lot at Orange Street lien on Estate of Jno. R. Livingston	96.50	
Thos. Barnum—Supp wharves—24 days 23d ins	48.	
And. Hegerman—Collr 8th wd Tax overpaid	743.61	
Jno. Palmer— do. 10th do.	1000.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt reprs. for repairs	700.	
Jac. P. Roome—Engine house at Greenwich	250.	
Richd. Furman—Supt of Alms' house	2500.	
Hill & Ayres—acct. fills Dey St. Basin	500.	19,176.95
	Balance	$80.37

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